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he CNMI government unreasonable has filed its strong objecrealm of reasonable."

On its part, the NMI Retirement Fund board, through its trustee ad litem, said the requested fees and costs are "astonishing" considering that if the court totals the maximum fees petitioned by Johnson's various attorneys, it would bring the amount to over \$60 million.

The trustee ad litem, the Civille & Tang law firm, wants the attorneys' fees-whatever amount the court approves—to be paid at the end of every fiscal year so that the "benefit" can be

Johnson's counsels Bruce Jorgensen is

358 US Marines in Forager Fury II

At least 358 U.S. Marines will be in the CNMI for Exercise Forager Fury II in November and December, a follow-up to the successful Forager Fury I on Tin-

Don Farrell, the Tinian mayor's chief of staff and a CNMI historian, said Forager Fury II is being coordinated in such a way that tourists, as well as locals, will not be inhibited from visiting the Atomic Bomb Loading Pits and other historic sites on Tinian's North Field National Historic Landmark.

Citing information from the Marine Air Group-12, Farrell said "there are 358 Marines currently scheduled to partici-

"This is good news for the CNMI and Tinian, as it means the Marines will be on island for four-five pay periods lead-

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>> OAG finds Johnson counsels' fees, costs exorbitant,

tion to Betty Johnson counsels' petition for attorneys' fees and costs, with the Office of the Attorney General describing them as "exorbitant and beyond the

> seeking either \$18.6 million, \$29.6 million, or \$38.9 million; Bronster Hoshibata is requesting \$17.5 million; Stephen Woodruff is demanding \$1.01 million; and Timothy R. Lord is claiming either

> \$3.6 million or \$5.9 million. See FEES on Page 4

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Video lottery bill heads to Inos

derails bill

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The CNMI is a step >> Lengthy Senate closer to allowing video lottery terminals after the Senate passed last night a House bill

allowing video lottery terminals at cer- to refer the bill back to committee tain hotels and airport departure areas to help generate new revenues for the

NMI Retirement Fund and scholarship. Senators discussed the bill at length until its passage at 7:14pm.

bill now heads to **discussion almost** Gov. Eloy S. Inos. Sen. Frank Boria's (Ind-Tinian) motion

The video lottery

which was later withdrawn—almost

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CATCHING FIRE

Two police officers and a towing crew inspect what is left of a car that went up in flames along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu yesterday afternoon. The female driver of the vehicle was not hurt as she managed to get down before the fire broke out. As of yesterday, investigators were still trying to determine the cause of the blaze.

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Saipan Zoo eyes \$200K loan to upgrade its facilities

The Saipan Zoo is looking to borrow \$200,000 from the State Small Business Credit Initiative to finally upgrade its facilities and bring in new animals, according to owner Frank Aldan.

He said they are currently in the process of completing all the requirements and documents for the loan application, which will have to be coursed through a local bank.

Aldan said the \$200,000 loan would be enough to repair the Saipan Zoo's cages and improve other animal enclosures. Money left over from the loan would be used to purchase new attractions for the island's only zoo, he added.

Among the animals the Saipan Zoo is planning to bring in are birds like pigeons, pheasants, and exotic doves. Aldan also wants to acquire some crocodiles and alli-



A girl feeds popcorn to a rabbit at the Saipan Zoo in As Mahetog.

gators as well as small mammals

for their petting zoo.

The Saipan Zoo owner said

they are turning to the SSBCI as a last resort after they were turned down for a farm grant as

they are considered a commercial business.

The U.S. Treasury allocated

for the CNMI in March last year \$13.1 million in SSBCI funds, primarily to stimulate the islands' economy.

The potential borrower has to first apply for the loan with participating banks. The banks will make the initial assessment of the financial prospects of the potential borrower.

Aside from the SSBCI, Aldan is also looking to apply for grants in the alternative energy field.

He said one of Saipan Zoo's biggest expense is utilities, as they pay \$600 to \$700 for water and incur around \$1,000 a month for electricity.

Aldan said that applying for a grant that would take advantage of solar energy and other green energies would help the zoo's bottom line.

Aldan, who also owns Tropical Gardens, said the zoo is currently

doing all right in terms of visitors. He said they sometimes earn \$300 a day but there are also a few days when they only get \$50. "It all evens out but they're only enough to cover the food expenses and not enough for utilities, salary, and upkeep and maintenance."

Aldan founded the Saipan Zoo in 1995 when local residents started dropping off and donating animals of all shapes and sizes to the landscaping company. It now has over 60 animals at its As Mahetog facility.

The Saipan Zoo is open everyday including Sunday from 9am to 5pm. Local rates are \$10 for adult and \$5 for children. School excursion rate is \$3.75 per student and \$5 per chaperone.

For more information about the Saipan Zoo, call 322-5711 or email tropicalgarden@pticom.com. (Mark Rabago)

investment in Arctic converted into a note

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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A final agreement between Arctic Circle Air and the Commonwealth Development Authority is nearing completion to address the over \$600,000 that was released initially as a pledge on the company's interim loan that failed, according to the airline firm's vice president, Paul Zak.

CDA released the \$600,000 investment to the airline last year as a pledge on an interim loan that Arctic Circle Air was then negotiating with Rhode Island-based Independence Bank. In the end, the loan negotiations fell through and CDA now wants the \$600,000 returned to the agency.

Saipan Tribune learned that the \$600,000 investment came with the condition that it would be converted into equity once the bank loan deal is finalized.

According to Zak, the standing issue over this investment will soon be rectified after both

parties agreed to convert the \$600,000 into a note.

A note is a contract stating the terms of a loan, such as the principal, the interest rate, and the payment schedule. A note states also the rights and obligations of both the lender and the borrower and if one party does not fulfill obligations, the other may sue for redress.

"We're converting their stock [\$600K] into a note and which we are going to pay up in a monthly basis," Zak said, adding that this is the only unpaid obligation thus far by Arctic Circle.

He assured that the amount will be paid up, including the accrued interest.

"CDA offered something on

the table, we offered something... and we have this deal," he said, adding that the "final document" is in process and would soon be signed by both parties.

Zak said that Arctic Circle, now with more shareholders, has the financial muscle and viability to ensure a stable operation. In fact, he said, the airline is currently negotiating to acquire a new aircraft, while two more pilots are undergoing training.

Arctic Circle Air welcomed a new investor last year through president Hee Cho of JMSH, LLC which owns Rota Resort & Country Club. The largest hotel property on Rota has chartered Arctic Circle Air for passenger services from Saipan.

Zak disclosed that Cho re-

mains the majority shareholder, with investments of more than 51 percent.

Arctic Circle Air's representation at the beginning of its venture is to provide a bridge between the Northern Marianas and Guam to promote agricultural exports. However, this changed later when the airline launched its passenger services and attracted new investors.

Zak, in an earlier interview, said the company is now in the transportation business, which involves both cargo and passengers. He emphasized that Arctic Circle Air will keep transporting general cargo and will continue to work with local farmers to export agricultural produce to Guam.

Republican Party of the Northern **Mariana Islands Association**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands Association (CNMI Republican Party) will be holding its General Membership Meeting as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

Location: Garapan Central Park Pavilion adjacent to the Gold Gym

Membership Registration: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting: Starts at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- **Membership Drive:** To encourage our Community to join and unify the party. All Republican members and those who are interested in becoming a member of the CNMI Republican Party are encouraged to attend this important event.
- Amendment of By-Laws: The Board of Directors seek to amend the By-Laws to achieve greater transparency, inclusiveness and a fair process in the selection of candidates and other related matters.
- **Miscellaneous.** The center will be open from 4:00 p.m. for registration of new party members. If you have any question, please feel free to contact Mr. Jack Villagomez, President, CNMI Republican Party.

/s/ Mr. Joaquin P. Villagomez President (670) 285-9838 cnmigop@gmail.com

Maratita wants to intervene in Johnson class action

BY FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan). through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, wants to intervene in Betty Johnson's class action against the CNMI government and the NMI Retirement Fund.

Jesus I. Taisague and Joaquin Q. Atalig, also through counsel Quichocho, joined Maratita as 'proposed intervenors' in Johnson's class action.

Ouichocho informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday of their intent to file a motion to intervene.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood previously denied several parties' requests to intervene in the case.

On Thursday, Maratita prefiled a resolution urging Gov. Eloy S. Inos to reconsider and withdraw ment. She stated that pursuing the agreement on Sept. 30, 2013.

terms that violate the NMI Constitution "clearly constitutes the impeachable offense of neglect of duty under Article 3 Section 19."

The resolution has two co-sponsors as of last week: Reps. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan).

With only 16 Fund members opting out of the settlement agreement, Judge Tydingco-Gatewood is expected to give from the Fund settlement agree- final approval to the settlement

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Saipan Southern High **PTSA** meeting

Saipan Southern High School invites parents and students to attend the first PTSA of the new school year on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, from 6pm to 7pm, in the school cafeteria. Meet the Manta Ray faculty, meet the PTSA officers, and learn about the plans for this school year. (PR)

SHEFA deadline for supporting documents on Sept. 30

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance said the deadline for submission of supporting documents in on Sept. 30, 2013.

SHEFA said documents submitted after the

deadline will not be entertained. For more information, call 233-5995 or email us at contact@ saipanshefa.net. (PR)

Local student makes honor roll

CORVALLIS—Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Summer term have been announced by Oregon State University. A total of 228 students earned straight A (4.0). Another 387 earned a B plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. Students on the Honor Roll included Jan M. Reyes, senior, Natural Resources, from the Northern Mariana Islands (3.5 or Better). (PR)

BOE OKs increase in school meal reimbursement rates

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Faced with increasing prices of basic commodities on three islands, the Board of Education has approved an increase in the meal reimbursement rates for its school food vendors, effective Oct. 1, the start of new fiscal year 2014.

Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero told Saipan Tribune the decision was approved based on the request of meal vendors who have been suffering from high utility rates and extra shipping costs, especially on the islands of Tinian and Rota.

School meals offered to students in private and public schools are fully funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This fiscal year 2014, PSS will get a little over \$10 million for the school meal program.

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh disclosed that 98 percent of this amount directly goes to the school meal vendors who ensure that students are offered nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks.

The new rate increase, according to Thornburgh, is 20 cents for lunch meals and 10 cents for breakfast meals.

In consideration of the unique situation of Rota and

Tinian where commodities and shipping cost are issues, PSS will be implementing a different rate for the two islands. Thornburgh said that PSS tries to provide its meal vendors a rate adjustment each fiscal year to help them cope with increasing costs.

School meals are offered to students free or at reduced prices. To qualify for free meals, an application to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services must be filed.

According to Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Service program manager, the system has seven meal vendors: five on Saipan and one each on Rota and Tinian.

The Saipan vendors are Herman's Modern Bakery, MV Reyes Catering, LSG

Sky Chefs, Kalayaan Inc., and Barny's Pizza. Tinian schools have MV Reyes Catering while Rota schools have Songao Enterprises.

According to Roberts, students that are eligible for free meals get one free breakfast and one free lunch each day if they choose to eat in the cafeteria.

"We [FNS/USDA] subsidize the full amount for their breakfast and lunch meals. That is the free priced reimbursement. Any child not eligible for free school meals can purchase a meal at the reduced rate (50 cents for a subsidized breakfast and 75 cents for a subsidized lunch). We pay the remainder of the cost of those meals. That is the reduced price reimbursement," he explained.

Either way, he said, the cost of the meal is the same.

'We pay the full amount for the free meal and we pay the full amount minus the 50 cents for a breakfast and the full amount minus the 75 cents for a lunch for the reduced price meal. The vendor gets the same amount of money per meal either way," he added.

The following are the increased meal reimbursement rates on Saipan effective Oct. 1:

For breakfast, vendors supplying meals to the Head Start and Day Care Centers will get reimbursement of \$1.90 for free breakfast and \$1.40 for the reduced breakfast meal they serve.

Those supplying elementary schools on Saipan will get a

reimbursement rate of \$2.10 for free lunch and \$1.60 for reduced lunch meals. For private secondary, reimbursement is \$2.40 for free breakfast and \$1.90 for reduced meals. In public secondary schools, reimbursement is \$2.50 for free breakfast and \$2 for reduced breakfast meal.

For lunch, vendors at the Head Start and day care centers will get \$2.60 reimbursement for free lunch and \$1.85 for reduced lunch meal. In elementary schools, the reimbursement rate is \$3.30 for free meals and \$2.55 for reduced lunch meals. In private secondary, the reimbursement rate is \$3.60 for free meals and \$2.85 for reduced price meals. For public secondary schools, reimbursement rate is \$3.85 for free meals and \$3.10 for reduced price meals.

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Every year, through its corporate responsibility platform Hyatt Thrive, Hyatt Regency Saipan hosts its anniversary gala dinner to raise funds for

a local nonprofit organization. The organization must be active within one of the four pillars of Hyatt Thrive,

Saipan wants to know how it can help your non-profit based on the organization namely environmental sustain-

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ability, economic development and investment, education and personal advancement, and health and wellness. Last year, Hyatt Regency

Saipan raised \$2,345 for the Autism Society of the CNMI with the help of esteemed community members and guests through the hotel's 32nd anniversary gala dinner.

How may we assist you? Here's how:

The non-profit organization must write a letter stating how it helps (or can help) make the local community a place where employees want to work, guests want to visit, our neighbors want to live and investors want to invest. The letter must also state how partnership with Hyatt Regency Saipan can help in advancing its mission, vision and goals (with all these stated). The organization must also be active within one of Hyatt Thrive's four pillars. For more information visit thrive.hyatt.com.

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Josephine Mesta Director of Human Resources Hyatt Regency Saipan

PO Box 5087 CHRB Saipan MP 96950

The selection of the non-profit organization will be decided votes cast by the executive committee

members of the hotel. The information pack must be submitted on or before Oct. 10, 2013.

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Air Force, Coast Guard training

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Sept. 24, from 3:45am to 5am and 5pm to 7pm; Sept. 25, from 3:45am to 5am and 3:30pm to 7pm; and on Sept. 26, from 4pm to 7:45pm.

The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 Sept. 24, from 8am to 4pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators-are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. F

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. (PR)



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Resolutions oppose, back Fund settlement deal

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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At least four resolutions introduced or adopted yesterday at the House and Senate have taken contrasting positions on the tentatively approved NMI Re-

tirement Fund settlement agreement, barely days before the court's Sept. 30 final decision.

At 5:14pm, the House adopted by a vote of 15-5 Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero's (Ind-Saipan) joint resolution acknowledging and approving lution 18-10 were Reps. Janet

the settlement deal in Johnson v. Inos as required for the final disbursement of employee contributions under the agreement's Section 12.0 and 34.0.

The five that voted "no" to the speaker's House Joint ResoMaratita (Ind-Saipan), Richard Seman (R-Saipan), Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), and Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

Four of them are co-authors of a separate House Resolution 18-35 urging Gov. Eloy S. Inos to reconsider and withdraw the settlement deal.

HR 18-35, whose main author is Maratita, was referred instead to the Special Committee on Retirement Fund. The coauthors were Tebuteb, Yumul, Larry Deleon Guerrero, and Rep. Roman C. Benavente (Ind-Saipan).

Maratita spoke during introduction of HR 18-35, repeating her warning that pursuing the settlement agreement terms that violate Article 10 Section 3 and Article 3 Sections 9 and 20 of the NMI Constitution constitutes the impeachable offense of

ing up the Christmas. This is a

bonus for the CNMI general

fund and some of our private

On Nov. 1, the port opera-

tions group is expected to arrive

in a KC 130 aircraft. In the next

two days after that, a ship will

offload on Tinian. On Nov. 4,

personnel are expected to arrive

possibly on a 767 craft. On that same day, North Field clearing

Farrell said surge operations

businesses," he told reporters.

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"neglect of duty."

An hour earlier or at 4:06pm, senators adopted a Senate resolution expressing support for retirees who opted out of the settlement agreement.

As of Friday, only 16 opted out, including two lawmakers-Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan).

But minutes later or at 4:14pm, the Senate also adopted a House joint resolution requesting the governor to object to over \$40 million in attorney's fees proposed by plaintiff Johnson's lawyers.

House, Senate OK amendment to new budget law



Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), fourth from left, and other senators pose with newly confirmed Commonwealth Election Commission member Frances M. Sablan, fifth from left, yesterday afternoon.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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In a four-hour span yesterday, the House and Senate passed a bill amending the five-day-old fiscal year 2014 budget law to correct an \$80 million oversight in the NMI Retirement Fund's operational funding for it to pay retirees' pension. But a Senate amendment to the bill tosses back the measure to the House for approval or rejection, instead of sending it to the governor right away.

Rep. Tony Sablan's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 18-124, which amends the budget law, Public Law 18-18, passed the House by a vote of 20-0 at 2:56pm.

The House immediately transmitted the bill to the Senate, owing the urgency of signing it into law before the start of fiscal year 2014 on Oct. 1.

However, it was not until 7:20pm—some four hours later—that the Senate passed the bill with an amendment offered by Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) to place five Tinian firefighter positions from the mayor's office to under the Division of Fire.

The Senate-amended bill has to go back to the House for approval or rejection.

The Inos administration was expecting the bill's swift passage.

"Just as Governor Inos stated in his approval of the budget, this separate measure is critical and he urged immediate action by the Legislature to ensure that the NMI Retirement Fund is not adversely impacted by the oversight," said press secretary Angel Demapan.

The Fund's operational funding of \$84.765 million in fiscal

year 2014 is not part of the \$123.4 million general fund revenues available for government operations, but its inclusion in the budget measure is for informational purposes only. However, the Fund could not spend that amount without approval from the Legislature and the governor.

In the budget process between the administration and the Legislature, there was a missing \$80 million in the Fund's 2014 operations funds.

Without a bill amending the law to correct the oversight, the Fund would only have \$4 million in fiscal year 2014, enough to pay only one full pension in the year.

5 confirmed

In other news, the Senate also confirmed five of Gov. Eloy S. Inos' re-appointees to the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday afternoon.

By a vote of 8-0 each, senators adopted separate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations report recommending confirmation of the five nominees.

Senators confirmed the governor's re-appointments of Marian Aldan-Pierce, Emma S. Villagomez and Vicente M. Calvo to the MVA board of directors. Pierce, president of DFS Saipan, is the MVA board chair. Pierce and Villagomez represent Saipan on the board, while Calvo represents Rota.

The Senate also confirmed the governor's re-appointees to the Commonwealth Election Commission: chair Frances M. Sablan and Trinidad L. Rabauliman. Both represent Saipan on the committee.

port the bill.

Senate President Ralph Tor-(Ind-Saipan) reminded members that they have agreed to help pass revenue-generating bills to help the Retirement Fund and other government programs and services.

After the Senate went into short recess, the motion to refer the bill to committee was with-

Video lottery terminals will be allowed in hotels with at least "100 rooms" or "at any departure area that is accessible to

Meanwhile, a conference committee has been formed to hash out differences between the House and Senate versions of an electronic gaming bill. But some senators said that bill may be vetoed anyway by the governor, who seems to favor video lottery over electronic gaming.

on West Field are from Dec. 9 to 13, followed by equipment washdown from Dec. 13 to 20 until departure of personnel.

Back in late July, U.S. Marine Air Group-12 executive officer Lt. Col. Thomas E. Frederick and Roy Tsustui, U.S. Defense coordinating officer, briefed Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other local officials about Operation Forager Fury II in December.

In July, local officials said some 200 Marines will be on Tinian, while some 50 Marines will be on Saipan. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

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operations will start.

In the CNMI government's response filed Friday and yesterday, assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan pointed out that it is "fundamentally unfair and unreasonable" to compensate class counsel for more than they actually earned, while asking class members to accept a 25-percent cut in their benefits.

Sablan said the reasonable fee award in this case is the lodestar amount without a multiplier.

Lodestar amount refers to the 'reasonable number of hours multiplied by a reasonable rate."

Saying the lodestar amount is already enough to compensate the class counsel, Sablan asked the court to limit the fee amount to the lodestar amount of \$448,079 plus reasonable and necessary expenses, \$29,591.42.

Sablan said the class counsel's fee requests appear unreasonable on their face: Bronster Hoshirate of \$6,906.081 per hour; Jorgensen requests \$4,875 (lodestar) or \$7,726.53 (percentage of the fund) per hour; and Woodruff requests \$3,375 per hour.

Sablan said the fee-shifting approach governs the reasonableness of the fees in this case.

Under the fee-shifting approach, the court determines reasonableness based on the lodestar amount.

To justify their exorbitant request, Sablan said the class counsel exaggerated their achievements in this case.

"The Commonwealth has never denied its obligation to provide for retirees and future retirees and the litigation. The

Commonwealth's multimilliondollar liability is not a result of this litigation, it is a function of the Commonwealth Constitution," she pointed out.

Sablan said the class counsel did not single-handedly stop the bankruptcy—the Commonwealth and the U.S. Trustee also opposed the bankruptcy and moved to dismiss the petition.

"Even if class counsel's portrayal of their achievements was accurate, it still would not justify their fee request—it would still be unreasonable to ask class members to take a 25 percent reduction while the attorneys collect more fees than they actually earned through honest work," she said.

Sablan said that both Jorgensen and Woodruff failed to meet their burden of production to justify their fees and should not be compensated.

She said Jorgensen's billings are indecipherable, and Woodruff failed to submit any billing details altogether.

Sablan said Bronster submitbata requests compensation at a ted adequate billing documents and that based on a review of those documents, Bronster reasonably expended 1,995.5 hours on this litigation.

> Sablan said that in the absence of evidence from class counsel to justify their rates, the reasonable rate should be \$225.

With respect to Lord's petition, assistant attorney general Charles Brasington said the lawyer is not entitled to attorney's fees because Johnson terminated his services and that his petition is untimely.

The hearing on the attorneys' fees and costs will be held on Sept. 30, 2013, which is also the date for the final approval of the settlement agreement.

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derailed the bill's passage last night, at a time when the government is looking for ways to sustain the pension agency's operations and guarantee at least 75 percent of retirees' pension.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 7-0 with one absence and one abstention from Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

It was over two months ago when Inos asked lawmakers to consider video lottery legislation that could be used for debt service for an up to \$300 million pension obligation bond. That was the same day the governor signed the authorization bill for the POB.

The Inos administration was awaiting the bill's passage yesterday.

Jim Stump, the governor's special counsel, answered senators' questions during the session about the video lottery bill, including the absence of provisions on how the revenues will be spent and where as well as its impact on what they described as a similar legislation—the electronic gaming bill.

Stump said regulations are now being drafted and those would specify where the revenue would go, among other

Senators, including Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), Frank Borja and Joaquin Borja (Ind-Tinian) asked whether the administration is playing favorites between video lottery and electronic gaming.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said both electronic gaming and video lottery allow the same type of game but the difference is in the legal

"Electronic gaming is run by the private sector with a licensing fee paid to the government and video lottery is run by the government with significant controls on all aspects of gaming activity so as to accomplish specific government objectives (i.e., economic development, integrity in gaming, tourism development)," he said.

Demapan said this system has been successfully implemented by states throughout the United States

Senators, during discussion, said they will support the bill despite their reservations. Reyes, for example, said the government should not compete with the private sector. But he said the bill's goal to help the Fund and the scholarship program are reasons enough to sup-

departing passengers only."

Quichocho, Myers fined for filing docs 'saturated with abusive language'

BY FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sanctioned lawyers Ramon K. Quichocho and Robert H. Myers yesterday for filing documents that he found saturated with abusive language directed at him and attorney Stephen Nutting.

"The shameful behavior of counsel cannot, and will not, be tolerated," Govendo said.

The judge ordered Quichocho and Myers to each pay a fine of \$5,000 within 30 days from yesterday.

"The fine is necessary to deter repetition of their conduct in this case and in other matters before this court," he said.

Govendo also held the two lawyers jointly liable for all attorney's fees incurred by plaintiffs Shinji Fujie and Toshin Group International Inc. in responding to a motion for reconsideration filed by defendants Joaquin Q. Atalig and Quichocho.

Shinji Fujie and Toshin Group were given 10 days from yesterday to submit their fees and costs.

Govendo said a copy of his order and other relevant documents will be transmitted to the CNMI Bar Association Disciplinary Committee to consider disciplinary action, if necessary, against Quichocho and Myers.

"Any further motion filed in this case, or any other case, containing personal attacks will be stricken without hearing and will be forwarded to the Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Association," he said.

According to court documents, Fujie and Toshin Group leased a land from Atalig in June 2006 for 55 years and paid \$363,000. Less than three years later, the investors were informed that Atalig had terminated the lease, with the advice and assistance of Quichocho.

On May 10, 2013, Govendo determined that Quichocho induced Atalig to violate public policy by filing false documents with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Govendo found Quichocho's conduct improper and ruled that the investors' lease of two parcels of land near Ladder Beach remains valid.

Quichocho as pro se and Myers, as counsel for Atalig, then filed a motion for reconsideration of Govendo's ruling.

In the motion, Quichocho and Myers argued, among other things, that Govendo should recuse himself because he is prejudiced against Filipinos and locals.

The motion prompted attorney Nutting, counsel for Fujie and Toshin Group, to ask the court hold the two lawyers in contempt for making slanderous, false, and unethical attacks against the judge.

In response, Quichocho asked the court to instead sanction Nutting for slandering and defaming him when he was still a judicial nominee.

Govendo then issued an order directing Quichocho and Myers to show cause why they should not be sanctioned. The show cause hearing was set for Sept. 3, 2013, at 9am.

That same day at 7:54am, Atalig and Quichocho, together with Atalig's attorney, Myers, filed a lawsuit against Govendo.

Atalig and Quichocho sued Govendo for the latter's comments that resulted in the CNMI Supreme Court publicly censuring and sanctioning him in 2010. They asked the court to require the judge to return all wages and benefits he received for the acts that resulted in him being sanctioned by the high court for violating the Commonwealth Code of Judicial Conduct and Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure.

Thirty minutes after the lawsuit against Govendo was filed, Quichocho filed a motion to disqualify Govendo in the Fujie and Toshin Group's case.

Govendo postponed the hearing on the show cause matter to Sept. 6, 2013, to allow him to consider the motion to disqualify. He subsequently denied the motion to disqualify.

In an order yesterday, Govendo noted that the facts and circumstances of the case indicate that the lawsuit and accompanying motion to disqualify were filed solely to avoid an adverse decision.





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Govendo pointed out that this is not the first time Quichocho has used a lawsuit to avoid a potentially adverse ruling.

Govendo cited that Quichocho recently delayed a hearing before Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman by filing a lawsuit against Wiseman's wife, Faythe Wiseman.

"Similar to this case, Quichocho did not inform Judge Wise-

man prior to the hearing that a potentially disqualifying lawsuit had been filed," he said.

Govendo ruled that the timing of the lawsuit filed by the defendants is not coincidence and that the motion to disqualify was meant to delay the sanctions hearing and prevent an adverse ruling.

"It is not a strategy that will be permitted in this court," said Govendo, ruling that a mere filing of a lawsuit against the presiding judge "does not, on its own, constitute grounds for recusal."

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On the motion for reconsideration issue, Govendo said the defendants filed the motion that is almost entirely a word for word copy of their previously filed opposition to summary judgment.

The judge said the motion for reconsideration has wasted time, money, and unduly burdened the court.

Govendo denied both plaintiffs' and defendants' motions for sanctions for not complying with the Rules of Civil Procedure. But Govendo imposed sanctions against Quichocho and Myers on his own initiative.

At the sanction hearing, Myers told the court that he did not authorize the motion for reconsideration or the accompanying reply. Thus, Myers said, he is not responsible for the inappropriate content of the motion for reconsideration and the reply.

Govendo disagreed. He said if the documents were truly submitted without Myers' permission, then Myers had a duty to inform the court that he did not authorize the documents.

With respect to the order to show cause, Govendo said he finds the motion for reconsideration was submitted for an improper purpose and that sanctions are warranted.

"The court finds that the inflammatory language used by Quichocho and Myers was improper and designed to harass the plaintiffs and the court," the judge said.



Car catches fire in Finasisu

A car being driven by a woman along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu caught fire yesterday afternoon

The woman was not hurt as she managed to get down from the car, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The Nissan Versa with license plate ACB-349 was completely burned. As of press time, the cause of the blaze was still unknown.

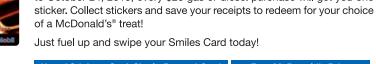
The woman was driving the car along Tun Joaquin Doi Road when she noticed smoke as she was descending the hill toward Chalan Kanoa.

The driver stopped the car

on the road and immediately got down as thick smoke, followed by fire, gobbled the entire vehicle.

Firefighters from two firetrucks responded and extinguished the blaze. Police officers and some workers doing construction on the road near the scene rerouted the traffic flow until the vehicle was towed away.

When Saipan Tribune arrived at the scene at 3:20pm, the driver was no longer there. Police officers and fire investigators were still conducting their investigation at the scene. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Stormy weekend results in scattered power outages

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Crewmembers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. were kept busy over the weekend after the islands experienced stormy weather that caused a series of power outages in different areas

CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher told Saipan Tribune yesterday that the corporation's crewmembers responded to several calls of unscheduled power outages.

"It has been a busy weekend for the Transmission & Distri-

bution crews. We have had multiple crews working since the high winds on Saturday, with most major population centers back in power," said Fletcher.

He disclosed that there are still scattered outages in outlying areas caused by downed trees and branches

Fletcher expressed his special thanks to the crew who worked hard to restore power to consumers under very difficult conditions. "In remote areas that they had to clear trees and bush in order to even access lines, [it was] both time con-

suming and hazardous. Crews will stay working on problem areas until resolved," he told Saipan Tribune.

According to Fletcher, despite all their best efforts, the poles and wires of the electrical systems are prone to failures during storms and he encouraged customers to be prepared and plan for possible service interruptions. To report outages, down lines, and receive updates for their area, to Fletcher.

CUC has a call center to call on: 664-4CUC.

While weather thus far this season has not been extreme, Fletcher earlier said that the recent heavy rain and moderate winds are taking a toll on the island's fragile electrical transmission and distribution system.

"If we have severe weather, we are prone to some localized outages due to trees and branches falling into lines. CUC will continue with shortterm planned outages for system maintenance," according

Shen, Mendiola vie for ASNMC presidency



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By MONETH G. DEPOSA

REPORTER

Two individuals are vying for this school year's presidency of the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College.

Queanna C. Sablan, student activities manager at the Office of Student Activities and Leadership, said yesterday that incumbent ASNMC president Chenglong "Alex" Shen from the Liberal Arts program will once again run for the position against contender Faithful E. Mendiola.

To be eligible to run for the

ASNMC positions, among the requirements is each candidate must complete at least 12 college-level credits in the semesters prior to their candidacy.

For vice president, the battle will be between Faithful Mendiola and Lani Russell, also from the Liberal Arts program. NMC refused to disclose details about Mendiola's program at the college without her permission.

The treasurer position has a lone candidate, Riya R. Nathrani from the School of Education, while Jian Joyner is also unopposed for the position of secretary. Joyner is from the liberal arts program.

ASNMC also has three vacant seats for senators. The contenders are Ervin Cruz, Justine Conrad Mallari, and Faithful Mendiola

ASNMC election rules allow a candidate to run for multiple posts.

According to Sablan, all NMC students registered for fall 2013 are eligible to vote. Of this semester's enrollment of 1,095 students, she expects at least a third of the total student population to cast their votes in this election.

The election for the AS-NMC's new officers is slated for two days, Sept. 24 and 25, from 9am to 6pm at the Student Center. Students must present their NMC student I.D. Election results will be announced on Sept. 26.

Saipan Tribune learned that prior to today's election, the candidates were given the opportunity to campaign among students.

The term of the ASNMC president is throughout the duration of the school year, with extension through the summer period. To keep the position, the student leader must maintain a GPA of 3.0. For the result to become official, ballots must be certified by the dean of Student Services, representatives of the ASNMC, and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership, among others.

ASNMC consists of a cooperative and student-driven governance body that shapes the core of student leadership. Its executive cabinet comprises four students who are elected at large by the student body and serve a one-year term in office.

MTEC launches tourism essay contest The Marianas Tourism Educastudents an opportunity to give

tion Council has launched an essay contest for all public and private school students on the theme "Tourism is Everybody's Business 24/7 in the 670."

The contest is open to grades K-12. All entries must be typed and received by 5pm, Oct. 15, 2013, at the Marianas Visitors Authority office on Saipan, Tinian, or Rota. Entries must include the student's name, school, and grade level.

"Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we are pleased to have an essay contest this year to further engage the younger generation in thinking about our tourism economy," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "As MTEC prepares to start another round of educational presentations at the schools about the visitor industry, this essay contest will give feedback on what they know." The contest has three catego-

ries. Grade K-6 may submit essays of up to 300 words. Grades 7-8 may submit essays of up to 500 words. Grades 9-12 may submit essays of up to 600 words.

Three winners will be selected from each category. Prizes for grades K-8 are \$50 (1st place), \$30 (2nd place), and \$20 (3rd place). Prizes from grades 9-12 are \$75 and 1 roundtrip ticket to 2013 MY WAVE Tourism Summit in Guam (non-transferable 1st place), \$60 (2nd place), \$50 (3rd place).

Winners will be announced at the 2013 MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit on Oct. 30, 2013. For more information, contact MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas at mduenas@mymarianas.com or 664-3210. *(MTEC)*



UNITED STATES

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is hereby gives notice that it will hold a 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2013, from 8:00am – 12:00pm at the Charley's Room, Pacific Islands Club - Saipan.

AGENDA

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- ROLL CALL II.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES June 21, 2013 IV.
- ACTION ITEMS
 - Executive Director's Employment Contract Renewal: Ratification
 - Approval of Proposed Rules & Regulation of Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CRSP): Ratification
 - Approval of Amendment of Council's By-laws

REPORT

- Chairman
- **Executive Director**
- Fiscal Committee Chairperson
- State Plan Committee Chairperson

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- Summer Camp Update
- Paratransit System Update COTA h.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- VOAD Conference a. NDEAM Activities h.
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
 - Guest Presentation (Karen Tydingco & Bridgette Camacho, U.S. Social Security)
- XI. NEXT MEETING
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

Thomas J. Camacho Chairman

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP13-GOV-092

LANDFILL EQUIPMENT FOR TINIAN AND ROTA

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude Hofschneider are soliciting competitive sealed proposals according to the requirements of N.M.I.A.C. § 70-30.3-210 from qualified vendors to provide equipment for use at landfills on the Islands of Tinian and Rota. Proposals are to include costs associated with equipment, training, extended warranty, delivery, maintenance, as identified in specifications. Equipment proposed must be similar to landfill equipment identified in the scope of work and be of a type commonly used in landfill operations in the United States. The Commonwealth is relying on the expertise of vendors in the selection of most appropriate equipment for use in the proposed landfill operations. The specific pieces of equipment sought are the following:

- Two tracked bulldozers for direct use in landfill operations;
- Two wheeled loaders for movement of material at landfills; and Two wheeled excavators for creation of landfill cover.

Although equipment is to be used primarily in landfill operations, they will also be used in assorted activities of municipal operations, thus the Commonwealth is seeking flexibility in the type of equipment and attachments proposed. Submitted proposals will be evaluated on a possible 100 points based on the following factors:

50 points –

experience of equipment in similar operations in United States locations and flexibility of equipment package in meeting needs of the islands of Tinian and Rota.

All proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination as identified in NMIAC § 70-30.3-245 ("Responsibility Determination") which will evaluate whether the vendor has experience and resources for the required financing, warranty, and maintenance services. Proposals from parties who fail to meet the requirements of the Responsibility Determination will not be considered. Award shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Proposals should address each item identified in the evaluation structure and must follow the proposal structure as identified in the proposal packet. Proposal packets will be available on September 24, 2013 (ChST) at Office of Capital Improvement - Juan A. Sablan Administration Building - Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposals must pay particular attention to the preferred identified equipment specification and use this as a guide

All questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 10, 2013 (ChST) to the Office of Capital Improvement via fax to (670) 664-2408. Prospective bidders bear responsibility for proper transmission and receipt of submitted questions. Response to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

The selected vendor will be required to comply with all applicable Commonwealth and Federal laws. All proposals must be sealed and marked RF913-GOV-092 Landfill Equipment for Tinian and Rota Proposal on the forms provided and include an original and four copies and must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 2013 (ChST) to:

> Herman S. Sablan, Director Marianas Procurement & Supply - Lower Base P.O. Box 510008 CK aipan, MP 96950

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposers bear all risk concerning delivery. For further information, contact the Office of Capital Improvement (670) 664-2375. All proposals become the property of the Commonwealth.

Eloy S. Inos, Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Herman S. Sablan, Director Procurement and Supply

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By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman stood pat in his earlier decision to disqualify attorney Brian Sers Nicholas as counsel for former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham in a criminal case.

In an order Friday, Wiseman denied Buckingham's motion that asked him to reconsider his Aug. 16, 2013, ruling that disqualified Nicholas as Buckingham's counsel.

Wiseman said he finds, again, that he did not commit any error in determining that the Model Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 and 1.9(a) prohibits Nicholas from further representing Buckingham.

He also determined that there was no error in Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo's recent ruling that declared invalid the original summons issued against Buckingham.

Wiseman pointed out that a motion for reconsideration is not the proper vehicle for bringing up arguments that could have been raised prior to the entry of judgment.

In the disqualification order issued on Aug. 16, 2013 and made effective Aug. 19, 2013, Wise-



Wiseman

Buckingham would be limited by his representation of his former clients, the officers involved in the case.

Nicholas undertook representation of Buckingham on Aug. 24, 2012, and then represented officers Jermaine Nekaifes, Myron Laniyo, and Stanley Patris before the 17th CNMI House of Representatives Special Com-

mittee on Impeachment.

Buckingham filed a motion for consideration on the grounds of clear error and manifest injustice. The government, through Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback, opposed the motion.

Citing case law, Wiseman stated that a court may reconsider its earlier ruling where there is "an intervening change of controlling law, the availability of new evidence, or the need to correct a clear error or prevent manifest injustice."

Buckingham argued that the court erred because the actual conflict that might occur if

Nicholas cross-examined his former clients at trial is remote because he does not have any confidential information about the officers.

But Wiseman stated that while Nicholas holds up as a shield his claim that he does not have confidential information regarding the officers, the standards set forth in the Model Rules of Professional Conduct do not contain any such exception.

"As this court previously found in its disqualification order, not only did such a concurrent conflict exist, but Nicholas could not fit into the exception because he did not obtain informed consent, confirmed in writing from each affected client," the judge said.

Further, Wiseman said, even if there did not exist a concurrent conflict, Nicholas was also precluded from representing Buckingham pursuant to Model Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9(a).

"Sers Nicholas owes his former clients an undivided duty of loyalty and he cannot summarily dismiss that duty pursuant to a mere claim that the representation did not result in the gain of confidential information," he said.

Nicholas also argued that Govendo recently issued a decision that found the original summons issued to Buckingham to be invalid. Nicholas claims that this finding removes any conflict since the officers' testimonies regarding the original summons would be irrelevant.

But Wiseman said that since Govendo's decision came out on Sept. 4, 2013, after he [Wiseman] entered his disqualification order, he [Wiseman] could not have possibly have committed clear error when he made his ruling on Aug. 16.

Wiseman said that regardless of the validity of the original summons, the Govendo ruling had not even been filed at the time he [Wiseman] considered this matter and rendered his decision.

"The ground of clear error, therefore, is not an available ground to grant defendant's motion pursuant to these facts," Wiseman said.

Buckingham claimed it would be manifestly unjust to prohibit Nicholas from representing him as the trial date of Feb. 3, 2014, is approaching, and any conflict can be cured by procuring separate counsel solely for the purpose of cross-examination of the officers.

Wiseman notes that this does not cure the fact that Nicholas could have confidential information as the officers are his former clients, but he declines to address the merit of this claim as he is prohibited from doing so.

Wiseman said the argument regarding a potential wallingoff of Nicholas was not before him when he made the ruling in the disqualification order.

PSS gets \$2.1M ETC donations since program's start

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Public schools in the Commonwealth have greatly benefited from the education tax credit program since the program's inception in 1997, with individual donations to public schools totaling \$2.131 million over the years.

These generous donations, according to BOE's fiscal and personnel affairs committee chair Herman Guerrero and member Janice Tenorio, came from private companies and corporations on the islands.

PSS finance director Derek Sasamoto disclosed Friday that since the program's inception, PSS data show that schools have received a total of \$2,131,318 as of Sept. 13 this year. Of that amount, some \$1.85 million has so far been spent, leaving a balance of \$276,438 in the ETC account, he said.

He provided the FPA committee on Friday a detailed breakdown of the PSS ETC account per school.

Guerrero sought a more comprehensive report about ETC donations, citing the need for all possible records and listings that would support schools' expenditure of their ETC donations. He particularly wants an annualized report for the program's account.

Tenorio, on the other hand, asked for additional information as to how each school spent their ETC donations.

The committee wants to make these records open so that the public and the private sector will know where their monies are being used.

"It would be good if we can list down the types of programs and facilities that we enhanced that support the funding. Businesses would really appreciate it if they will be informed about where their money was used," said Tenorio.

Meantime, Guerrero said it is also good to know which among the schools are aggres-

sive in getting ETC donations for their needs.

He said ETC donations have been helping schools address their immediate needs such as students' and office's supplies, among others.

The Educational Tax Credit law, or Public Law 10-73, came into effect on Nov. 12, 1997. This progressive statute allows individuals and businesses to make contributions to qualified educational institutions and to receive a tax credit for their contributions. Through this law, businesses may receive credit towards their monthly Business Gross Revenue Tax for up to \$5,000 per year.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the State Rehabilitation Council will hold its FY 2013 Fourth Quarter General Membership Meeting on Friday, September 27, 2013 at the Aqua Resort Club (ARC) at 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Roll Call by SRC Secretary
- III. Review & Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Reintroduction of FY 2013 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes (5/29/13) for Review & Adoption
- V. Review & Adoption of the FY 2013 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes (8/30/13)

VI. Reports

- A. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee Chairperson
- B. Employment & Marketing Committee ChairpersonC. Transition & Assistive Technology Committee Chairperson
- D. Housing & Transportation Committee Chairperson
- E. SRC Chairperson
- F. OVR Director
 VII. Old Business
- A. SRC FY 2014 Resource Plan

VIII.

- New Business
- A. SRC FY 2013 Member Attendance ReviewB. Election of Officers
- IX. Consumer Forum
- X. Announcements/Miscellaneous
- XI. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require reasonable accommodations are asked to call in and make their requests known two (2) days before the meeting. For more information, please contact Elvira Seman at 322-6537/8 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY).

s/ Isidro K. Seman CHAIRPERSON



REQUEST FOR SERVICES

Assistant Coordinator, Motheread Literacy Program Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is seeking an independent contractor to serve as assistant coordinator for the Motheread Literacy Program.

Main responsibilities include organizing, implementing and evaluating Motheread and Teacheread program cycles under the supervision of the Motheread Coordinator.

To be considered, the applicant should be a certified Motheread Parent-Trainer, have reliable transportation, and be available to work a flexible schedule of roughly 40 hours per week, including some evenings and weekends. A bachelor's degree in education or related field is desirable.

The monthly fee range for these services is \$1,500 to \$1,800 depending on qualifications and experience.

Applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, 9 October 2013.

A detailed listing of responsibilities for this position is available at the Council office in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai, or on its website www.nmihumanities.org.

Please contact Council staff at 235-4785 for more information about this opportunity.

Saipan Community welcomes 3 new pastors

The oldest Protestant church on Saipan has three new pastors after Saipan Community Church welcomed this past year lead pastor Jason Warren, pastor of leadership development Phil Warren, and pastor of community outreach Robbie Myers.

A native of Granite City, Illinois, Jason arrived on island with his wife Annie and 4-year-old daughter Emilia in July 2012.

He taught fourth grade at Saipan Community School in his first year on the island before succeeding Greg Dickerson as lead pastor in July this year.

Before coming to the CNMI, the 34-year-old Jason was pastor for First Christian Church of Herrick, Illinois.

He has also traveled the world extensively, doing missionary work in India, Rwanda, and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Prior to settling on Saipan last year, Jason already visited the island and the Saipan Community Church in June 2011. Aside from Emilia, Warren and Annie also have a son, Titus, who's about to turn a year old.

Phil Warren, Jason's uncle, came to Saipan just a couple of months ago. He also hails from Granite City.



MARK RABAGO

From left, pastor Robbie Myers, pastor Phil Warren, and lead pastor Jason Warren pose in front of the Saipan Community Church in Susupe

Phil came with his wife, Cindy, and two of their sons. Four of their children remain stateside.

The 58-year-old was living the American dream having a high-paying job at McDonnell Douglas when he left the aviation industry for full-time ministry in 1985.

The older Warren has been in ministry the past 30 years and has served as pastor 27 years.

He said he and wife were supposed to go to China, but a more urgent calling on Saipan to help his nephew made them decide to go to the Pacific instead.

Myers, meanwhile, arrived on island in July 2013 and his stint at Saipan Community Church marks his first foray into full-time ministry work.

Prior to coming to Saipan, he has worked exclusively in the public service sector and served as county commissioner, college vice president, and emergency management director in the U.S. mainland.

The three new pastors of Saipan Community Church said big things are coming to the Susupe church and encouraged the local community to attend their services at 10am and 5pm on Sundays. The church's Filipino pastor, Roger Abe, is currently in the Philippines.

Saipan Community Church, which was founded in 1947 by Rev. Ed Stephens, is also undergoing some renovations. Its ministry center is in the midst of a \$15,000 facelift that will expand its youth and children's ministry facilities. (Mark Rabago)

USP4GG thanks supporters, holds health screening

The local chapter of the U.S. Pinoys for Goof Governance extends its heartfelt gratitude for supporters of its recent events on island.

The U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter would like to extend our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to those who have collaborated, helped, supported and assisted for the success and realization of the following events," said USP4GG Marianas Chapter chair Dr. Celia Lamkin.

The events USP4GG organized include the "Peaceful Global Day of Protest and Prayer Against China's Invasion of the Philippines" last July 24, the "3rd Global Day of Prayer for Peace and Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Assassination of Ninoy Aquino" last Aug. 21, "Proclamation of September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance" in the morning of Sept. 11, and "Commemo-

ration of the 12th Anniversary of September 11 attacks and 12th Anniversary of the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance" held in the evening of Sept. 11.

"To all who have helped, assisted, and supported in one way or the other, thank you very much, maraming salamat po, and si yu'us ma'ase!" said Lamkin.

Continuing with its public service, the USP4GG held a free three-hour health screening on Sept. 21, at the Filcom Pavilion near the Sabalu Market in Susupe.

In collaboration with Marianas Eye Institute, the health screening included checks on blood pressure, blood sugar, weight, height, body mass index, and vision. There was also free counseling by the Upper Room International Ministries headed by pastor Danny Ibanez. (Saipan Tribune)

2010 Census Cross Tabulations (Part 2)

The CNMI Department of Commerce's Central Statistics Division, in collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau, is readying the release of the CNMI's 2010 Census Detailed Cross tabulations Part 2, an expansion of Part 1. In Part 1, Labor Force Status was crosstabulated with work status and gender by ethnic origin or race. Now, in Part 2, labor force stastatus, and so forth.

"This cross tabulation part 2 is the last data product scheduled for release from the 2010 Census," stated CSD director Alfonis Sound. "All other previous products and this new release are readily available on our website at: http://commerce. gov.mp/divisions/central-statistics/, under Census Reports."

Sound also expressed appreciatus is reflected with education tion for the public's cooperation attainment, marital status, ser- and assistance in the CNMI 2010 vice-connected disability rating Census. (Office of the Governor)

Procurement And Supply CNMI Government



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

2013-CDA-05-RFP Submission Date: October 16, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m.

"BROWNFIELDS MARKET FEASIBILITY STUDY"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular business hours

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

> /S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN Executive Director

/s/ Herman S. Sablan Director, P&S



September 23, 2005

Shoddy handling of evidence at DPS

The Department of Public Safety lacks adequate safekeeping measures for evidence, making such items vulnerable to loss or tampering, according to a report by the Office of the Public Auditor. The report, issued by OPA yesterday, covers an examination of evidence received and stored through June 2004. "The apparently lack of accountability in the handling and storage of evidence may have adversely impacted the integrity of some of the evidence in DPS custody. The absence of adequate controls increased the risk of potential tampering, loss, or misuse of evidence," OPA said. "If left uncorrected, DPS may potentially compromise future investigations or criminal proceedings."

Korean firms lead foreign investors in NMI

Koreans remain number one on the list of top foreign investors in the CNMI this year, Commerce Department statistics showed. As of August 2005, records show that the government received 208 applications from foreign investors to do business in the CNMI. Of the total number, 89 investors are from South Korea, 40 are from China, 45 are from Japan, and 27 are from the Philippines. Others include eight from the United Kingdom, six from "others," two from Thailand, and one from India.

September 23, 2006

Bond eyed to settle land compensation claims

The Department of Public Lands may float another multimillion bond to settle all pending land compensation claims. In an interview, DPL Secretary John S. Del Rosario Jr. said the Department of Finance is studying the possibility of floating \$40 million to \$60 million by next year. There are about 300 landowners still waiting to be compensated for pieces of property taken from them by the government. "We will try to settle all of these claims once and for all," Del Rosario said. In 2002, Public Law 13-17 or the Land Compensation Act was enacted to allow the defunct Marianas Public Lands Authority to incur a \$40-million public debt to finance the settlement of private land acquisitions.

Norita finally gets CPA post

No more ifs and buts. The new Commonwealth Ports Authority board finally did yesterday what it had been wanting to do: to hire former congressman Clyde Norita as the new executive director of the agency. The newly reorganized board had opted to cancel the issuance of a new job vacancy announcement—as has been decided two days earlier—and met yesterday instead to hire Norita with no further delays. The board, led by chair Rex I. Palacios, convened at 10am yesterday and adjourned after about 30 minutes, declaring Norita as the new executive director. Norita's hiring was unanimously approved by the board. The board consists of Palacios, Serafin Dela Cruz, Barbara Yamada, Jose R. Lifoifoi, Antonio Camacho, Melchor A. Mendiola, and Connie O. Igisomar.

September 23, 2007

Govt agencies owe CUC \$1.4M

The government and autonomous agencies owe the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s a total of \$1.4 million in utility billings for the month of July and August 2007. According to CUC records, of the government's \$1,439,616 total August utility balance as of Aug. 31, 2007, the Public School System incurred the most with \$1,032,647. Being the biggest agency, PSS has consistently been the top utility user among all government entities.

High court affirms conviction in sex abuse

The CNMI Supreme Court has affirmed the Superior Court's conviction of a man for sexually abusing a child. The trial court's decision to deny defendant Price Shoiter's request for a special prosecutor was not based on a clearly erroneous finding of material fact or law, according to the high court. "We find that the due process clause of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands does not require a hearing to determine the voluntariness of confessions made to private individuals," the justices said. The decision, penned by associate justice Alexandro C. Castro and concurred by chief justice Miguel S. Demapan and associate justice John A. Manglona, ruled that under the circumstances of the case, the trial court did not abuse its discretion when it did not disqualify the prosecuting attorney.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on August 3, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: (a) Lot No. 005 1547, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2084/82, the original of which was registered on May 14,1982, as Document No. 14232, at the Land Registry. Saipan; and (b) Lot 1743 NEW-3, which was part of original Lot 1734, T.D. 661), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2017/90, the original of which was recorded on November 15, 1989, as Document No. 89-3805, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 4, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Sajpan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be parent at the operational stands. open to the general public.

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SSHS' MY WAVE Club in action

The school year may have just started in September, but already the Saipan Southern High School's MY WAVE Club is taking action with plans to help beautify the island.

Dozens of high school students and their club advisers endured the wind and rain to collect rubbish at the beach near the Coral Ocean Point Resort.

Bertran Palacios, president of the MY WAVE Club at Saipan Southern, said, "Our club takes pride in doing what is best for the CNMI. We take initiative in our hard work, showcasing how much we care for the betterment of our island's tourism-based economy.'

MY WAVE Club adviser Arisa Peters and Student Council adviser Diann Torres assisted in the beach cleanup and supervising the students.

The MY WAVE Club also



Above, Saipan Southern High School MY WAVE Club VP Isaac Tenorio and club member Noely San Juan taking part in the beach cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013.

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From left, MY WAVE Club officers Fidel Palacios, Therese Tenorio, Randy Arriola, (STUCO Rep.) Czarinna Posadas, Bertran Palacios, Chrystalle Lloren and Isaac Tenorio were all smiles at the beach cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013.

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Saipan Southern High School STUCO representative Czarinna Posadas and her team brave the winds to gather trash at the beach cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013.



High surf warning out

The CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management issued a high surf and small craft advisory yesterday, saying that hazardous surf of 9 to 11 feet on west facing reefs and 8 to 10 feet on north facing reefs will persist through Wednesday.

The high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm Wednesday, while the small craft advisory remains in effect until Tuesday afternoon.

Combined seas of 7 to 10 feet and southwest winds around 20 knots with higher gusts in show-

ers will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft.

The CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management is strongly advising the general public and inexperienced mariners to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west and north facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday Erin Shimona! To our most precious angel on her 12th birthday! Our wish for you is to always have love, peace, and happiness. We shall watch over you like hawks until the day comes when you can fly on your own. Lots of love from your familia!

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Diaz! Greetings come from Jr., da favvy Dravvy and Kobolicious, and the rest of your lyang-Angandodo family.

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Belated happy birthday Nina Nicole! May our good Lord continue to bless you today, tomorrow, and always! We love you, sis! With love always, Zing and Neng.

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Saipan Southern High School MY WAVE Club members collected several bags filled with trash on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013. From left. Shanna Mendoza, Allysha Lloren, Fidel Palacios, RJ Aquino, and Calvin Hulinganga.

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plans to attend the MTEC Tourism Summit scheduled for Oct. 30, 2013, to learn more about the tourism industry and share their ideas with other MY WAVE Clubs.

For more information about forming a MY WAVE Club or about the MTEC, contact Martin Duenas at the MVA, tel. 664-3210 or email at mduenas@mymarianas.com. (MTEC)

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: 9/24/13

Closing Date: 10/04/13

Position: (1) Asst. Manager, Sales & Mkgt. Salary: \$1,850.00 monthly Job Qualification: AA Degree / College Graduated / (5) Years Experience. Japanese Speaking, write monthly report to Head Office in Japan

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Position: Asst. Manager, Maintenance Salary: \$2,040.00 mon **Job Qualification:** College Graduated/Mechanical Engineer / (2) Years **Salary:** \$2,040.00 monthly

Salary: \$8.16 per hour Position: (2) Supervisor, Front Desk **Job Qualification:** minimum AA Degree / College Graduated / (2) Years Experience. Preferably Japanese Speaking.

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Salary: \$5.55 to \$5.67 per hour Position: (3) Electrician **Job Qualification:** High School Graduated / (5) Years Experience.

For more information you may contact Mr. Juan I. Tenorio, Manager for Human $\,$ Resources Department at (670) 234-6495/8 ext. 5840/2 Employment application forms are available at Hafadai Beach Hotel, Human Resources Department.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: September 19, 2013 CLOSE DATE: September 26, 2013

POSITION: Cook (Mandarin, Korean, Japanese)

SALARY: Negotiable

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training/education in culinary arts strongly preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.

OPEN DATE: September 19, 2013 POSITION: Masseuse Therapist CLOSE DATE: September 26, 2013 SALARY:

High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum three (3) years experience in massage therapy. A graduate of vocational course in massage therapy or reflexology strongly preferred. OPEN DATE: September 19, 2013 POSITION: Activity Supervisor (Water Park)

CLOSE DATE: September 26, 2013 SALARY: Negotiable Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent; Water Park or Amusement Park management/supervision experience highly

preferred. Minimum two (2) years experience in hotel outlet operations required. POSITION: Cashier (Water Park) OPEN DATE: September 19, 2013

CLOSE DATE: September 26, 2013 SALARY: Minimum Wage **Qualifications:** High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in a cahier type occupation preferred.

Must have strong accounting and money handling skills. Must show strong integrity and morality.

OPEN DATE: September 19, 2013 POSITION: Lifeguard (Full Time & Part-time) CLOSE DATE: September 26, 2013 SALARY: Minimum Wage Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be a required for continued employment. Must have friendly and outgoing personality.

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years in housekeeping or commercial cleaning preferred.

OPEN DATE: September 19, 2013 **POSITION: Housekeeping Attendant** CLOSE DATE: September 26, 2013 SALARY: Minimum Wage **Oualifications:**

Must have a friendly personality and willingness to provide service to customers. POSITION: Bellhop Attendant OPEN DATE: September 19, 2013

CLOSE DATE: September 26, 2013 **Qualifications:**

High school graduate or equivalent required. Experience as a hotel bellhop preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274/266/576.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

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EDITORIAL

Seeking justice in Syria

he U.S.-Russian agreement to dismantle Syria's chemical weapons arsenal marks an enormous step toward breaking the superpower impasse that has helped Syria's civil war spin out of control over the past two years. But much work remains, including administering justice to those responsible for an Aug. 21 sarin gas attack that killed more than 1,400 people.

Russia stands staunchly behind its Syrian government ally's claim of innocence, insisting that rebels launched the attack. The United States, Britain, France, Australia and NATO maintain that dictator Bashar Assad's forces did it and must be held accountable. Even the officially nonpartisan U.N. secretary-general, Ban Ki-moon, stated in off-thecuff remarks last week that he believed Assad "has committed many crimes against humanity."

Evidence points overwhelmingly to the government's responsibility. The trajectory of the sarin-laden warheads leads back to a mountaintop government military complex overlooking Damascus, an area never held by rebels.

Chemical weapons are highly specialized. Only Syrian military personnel were known to have them and the expertise to mix them and attach sarin warheads to rockets without killing themselves in the process.

Russia's dubious argument requires us to believe that the rebels captured these weapons and turned them against their own fighters and supporters rather than against their government enemy.

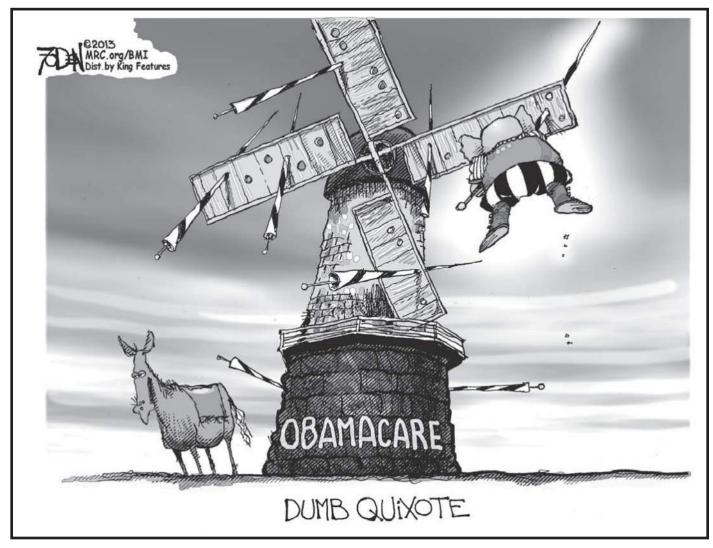
Russia also wants us to believe that the Assad regime experienced a sudden pang of conscience over this supposed rebel attack and decided to relinquish all of its chemical weapons. This is a family dictatorship that thought nothing of killing more than 10,000 people in the city of Hama during a previous anti-government uprising in the early 1980s. The Assad regime has a decadesold record of complicity in bombings, assassinations and hostage-taking in neighboring Lebanon.

Yet, Russia contends the Damascus government wants to come clean because of an atrocity it says the rebels committed. The explanation stretches credulity and requires a skeptical world to discard everything we know about the Assad dictatorship's bloody past.

The U.S.-Russia deal is far from complete. The U.N. Security Council still must pass a resolution outlining severe consequences if Syria fails to comply. The path forward is fraught with difficulties as international inspectors prepare to trace, confiscate and eventually destroy Syria's chemical weapons stockpiles while civil war rages all around them. There's a distinct possibility that Assad will mimic the stalling and shell-game tactics that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein used to thwart U.N. inspectors in the 1990s.

No matter how much Russia protests, the United Nations must insist on a thorough investigation into who ordered the Aug. 21 attack. Once that's established, a war crimes tribunal must convene and administer swift justice to the guilty. The Assad government's well-worn path of impunity must finally end.

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When politicians misuse words: Oh, the enormity!

't took a Chicago guy named Daley to assess honestly the "enormity" of American politics.

But I'm sure glad he did.

"Even though you're around it for a long time, you don't get a sense of the enormity of it until you get into it," Bill Daley said the other day, explaining why he dropped out of the race for governor of Illinois.

The very next day, possibly because honesty is so contagious, state Sen. Kirk Dillard, a Republican running for governor, told me he appreciates the "enormity" of the governor's job.

"I understand the enormity of the office," said Dillard, in a big voice. "I need to be governor to lead this state and make it work again.'

They're not alone. President Barack Obama, thought by some to be one of the great orators of our age, also uses the word.

"I do not underestimate the enormity of the task that lies ahead," Obama said in his famous 2008 speech in Grant Park after he was elected president.

And in January of the next year, at the Lincoln Memorial, he was at it again. "Despite the enormity of the task that lies ahead," he said, "I stand here today as hopeful as ever that the United States of America will endure.'

Enormity this, enormity that, enormity ahead, enormity behind. The enormity of politics is often difficult to comprehend.

But some readers just can't stand it when political figures—be they Republican or Democrat—use "enormity."

I could almost hear them ripping their hair out as they typed.

"If I hear one more politician use 'enormity' to describe large government, I'm just going to blow my head off," texted one guy.

"Shut up shut up," wrote another taxpayer. "Enormity? Yeah right.'

And then this came in over the email transom:

'The word 'enormity" has been used recently and frequently to describe the Illinois governor's job, the electoral process, Illinois state governance and the state of the state in general. I couldn't agree more.

"Enormity is defined as: 1. The quality of passing all moral bounds: excessive wickedness or outrageousness. 2. A monstrous offense or evil; an outrage ... John Borling (Maj. Gen. USAF ret.),

How can this be? Does "enormity" really mean something large, like government or "political challenges"?

Or does it perhaps mean something hideously sinful and wickedly outrageous, like a government that starves its own people and gorges on their liberty.

By JOHN KASS

Chicago Tribune

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Perhaps enormity also could describe my jealousy at all those who get those subsidized Obamaphones—and don't qualifywhile I'm stuck with a non-Obama Tribune phone, the one with the cracked screen that cuts big chunks out of my ear.

It's the enormity of it all that confounds me.

According to Webster's, "enormity" is (1) an outrageous, improper, vicious or immoral act. (2) the quality or state of being immoderate, monstrous or outrageous. (3) the quality or state of being huge, i.e., "the inconceivable enormity of the universe."

It is the third definition—the quality of being huge, or perhaps even ginormous—which is most often intended by politicians.

This grates on some people in the same way that it grates on my editor when I use the nonword "irregardless." I know that it's illogical and doesn't mean what people think it means, but I use it anyway to bedevil him.

To assess the enormity of the damage to our culture, I called the University of Chicago's Department of Linguistics, which you should know is the oldest linguistics department in the country. I spoke with the department chairman, professor Chris Kennedy.

He said that once, "enormity" did mean "great wickedness," but these days, most people use it to mean "huge," and they keep insisting it means "huge," so now there's no stopping it.

The last thing I expected was defeatism from a distinguished linguist. So I implored him to do something.

Why can't you stop them?

"We're not soldiers," said professor Kennedy. "We're scientists. . Language is a hugely complex system, and imperfectly learned by children through hearing adults. Given how our brains work, you can't stop it. It happens."

So now a perfectly fine word like "enormity," which when applied to politics correctly describes the ravenous and malevolent government leviathan, is now lost?

He wouldn't say, exactly.

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Lai konstitusion pot man-ritirau

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Lau ti ennau masusede gi asuntun man-ritirau. Mañaunau man-liliku' gi oriyan kareta ma-aliligau i yabe lau hagas ha' yabe gi sagaña. Kumeke ileghu, ni unu tumuñgu' na gaige gi Attikulu III, Seksiona 20 kabales na proteksion pagamienton man-ritirau.

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Debi kada unu gi 30 na offisiat u taitai haf' este na probision ha sasañgan, kontodu haf' ti ha sasañgan para u klaru, pot primet besis na ni unu masede umembelekeruye i esta maprebeniye. Yangin ti in' tatiye, pues guaha otru probision pot "impeachment".

Gi papa' gobietnamentun lai, ni unu masede man-ayeg haf tiyaña pot para u sige gi kaprichoña. Ayu mina' manman-hula' hamyu para in' tatiye i lai kontodu madefendeña gi kotte. Haf' para in' sañgane famaguon Marianas yangin ni hamyu mismu ti in' tatitiye i lai tanu'?

Obligasion setbienten publiku

'Nai manae' hau prebilehiu mañetbe, lamayot patte mafattu ennau na katgu ginen hilu'. Ninae' hau ladañkulu na obligasion taimanu tinago'ña i Saina as Moises para u kone' i Israelitas huyuñg ginen Ehiptu. Sa' hafa mohon? Pot man-matrata i los prohimus kumu esklabu. Ha komple si Moises matago'ña 'nai hana' fan libre i Israelitas.

Yangin in' atan tinago'ña, na ti magahet na para in' lagnos i tautau ginen Ehiptun modun esklabun miserapble na linala'? Kau in' kimple tinago'ña gi este na patte? Haf' siña in' esplikaye i tautau siha gi señgsoñg pot ennau na diskuidu? Ti umahñau, siempre in' fan mafaisen haf' bidan miyu fuera de sumen yomug na seru!

Gi enteru señgsuñg iya Marianas man-mamatmos i tautau gi halom fache' didog na sapet miserapble pot diskuidu. 'An esta ti in' tiñgu' haye para in' segne, gaige ha' si Iku As Gonno. Faisenyu' kau

POLITICIANS

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"Given that the word has two connotations—the contemporary one and this one that's historically (used), Daley made this assertion as a way to explain his actions. The question is: what were his intentions?"

I can't really tell you Daley's intentions, or Dillard's either.

It would be easier to cut federal entitlement spending so we don't go broke and our children don't turn us into crackers just so they'll have something to eat in the bleak future predicted this week by the Congressional Budget Office, than to read the mind of your average politician.

Kennedy explained that words can develop positive or negative meanings over time. As "enormity" became less threatening, a word that rhymes with "witch"—once innocently used to describe a female dog—has been lost to common discourse.

So I mentioned how grandmothers often use the word "suck" to describe something in the negative, when years ago, grandmothers wouldn't even drink beer out of a bottle for fear of being considered crude.

"That's what we should be worrying about, not the language," Kennedy said. "People use the language as a sort of proxy for some of these other cultural issues ... things like whether one ought to be able to have a conversation without using words like 'suck.' There are good reasons to practice decorum in discourse."

And there are good reasons to use "enormity" as it was once intended, regardless of what some people say.

siña in'fa' tampen sinetnanyu'. Dispues achog bai' aksepta, todu ha' tumuñgu haye hamyu na tropa, haf' mohon?

Konbetsasion Man-otdinariu

Gi kantun tasi gi fihon pantalan iya Susupe 'nai sessu man-daña man-otdinariu siha na tautau-ta. Man-gaige lancheru, peskadot, yan otru siha desde man-gai offisiu yan ayu na tautau-ta i desde nuebe años malofan man-ensinahyau cho'chu lau man-dimalas.

I konbetsasion sinsiyu ya klaru na ekspressiu ginen korason niha. Taya' dinage, tunas na sentimentu ni siña una' setbe kumu kompas potsun lina'la' tautau-ta siha gi señgsuñg. Ti sen yanu na plaset i sustansian finu' niniha sa' sumen diberas na ekspressiu.

'An un' kachet hau kutbatan Sears Roebuck, maulegña un' tulus hau para otru lugat. Tatnai sisida un' mana' sin lasu. Ma-akseptayu' gi este na klasen konbetsasion sa' hu tuñgu' umekuñgog. Dispues, tai kutbata si Iku para u fatta gi halom man-otdinariu fuera ke sinsiyu na sensian kilisyanu.

Ti kompreniyon haf' taimanu na ti in' akude pettinente na asuntun linahyan siha lau hagas man-hinila' gue hamyu desde tres años malofan. Esta hu dibibina haf' na chinatsaga guaha ni chumoma' hamyu chumogue propiu pinetsige para in' adelanta linala' i tautau siha gi señgsoñg.

I umekuñgog i mas presisu na abilidat maseha haye na petsona ni umatrebigue' humatme ridondun asuntun publiku siha. Este na abilidat sinede hau humuñgog haf' sessu gaige gi pachot i tautau siha ni un' represesenta. Yangin ti un' huñgog desde hinalom-mu pues na marikonose talañgamu kau ti mi-alakakuñg.

Siempre u fattu ayu na ha'ane 'nai bai' famaisen kada unu haf' bidamu benifisiosu para mayotmente gi publikun iya Marianas. 'An taya', pues kase ti prisisu na un' mafanue' ni pettan dañkulu. Hagu mismu pakete hau ya un' diñgu i lugat gi silensiun tatalo' pueñge. Muñga machansa sa' ti un' soplu mana' falofan gi koladot sumen finu.

Hu faisen amiguhu Magoo haf' "kubu". Man-atan un' ratu dispues ha faisenyu', "Na ti mañelu 'nau yan chubu', kulu' yan kaduku?" Kubu guiya ha' yan i tafanana'an "bareta'' lau kulan antigosu na palabra i kubu. De dios Magoo!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A 'dishonorable' profession

I am writing this letter in response to a recent *Marianas Variety* story of an outstanding legal fee that I supposedly need to pay as the losing candidate for the lone Rota seat in the House of Representatives in the 2009 elections. The following link was provided for those needing a reference on the issue: http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/59245-lawyer-asks-court-to-compel-losing-rota-candidate-to-pay-attorney-fees

I believe the normal question everyone seems to have in their mind is "What is he going to do?" To answer plainly, *I will be making payment as ordered*...but not without being given the opportunity to question and, most importantly, not without the opportunity of being heard. I offer the following link to shed light on why I'm boggled by how this issue even came about: http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=96303

The case that I am facing, as well as the \$40 million Retirement Fund legal fees, as well as my Mom's (Guadalupe P. Manglona) 30-plus years divorce settlement case has led me to believe that our justice system was designed ONLY for those that can afford it. This in many cases is referred to as the age-old situation of the haves vs. the have nots. I ran for office that year because at that particular time, I had faith in the system. How naïve I must have been, as this case has only displayed that lawyers can make a mockery of the right to vote and the ability of the law to uphold the rights of the very people it was made to safeguard. The fundamental issue being brought forward at the time of the election was whether "not having enough money was reason enough not to follow the law?" Our party didn't think so at the time and we still don't think so today. I speak for myself as this is my understanding of how policies and laws work.

- Policy is superseded by law;
- Law is superseded by the CNMI Constitution;
- The CNMI constitution is superseded by the U.S. Constitution. If we chose to use Judge Robert Naraja's ruling as our basis, then we can make the following assumptions:
- If we did not have enough money to operate the prison, we should just let those found guilty loose and pray they conform;
- If the CNMI Legislature continues to create laws without appropriating the money to go along with such laws then we should call them resolutions instead, as resources are needed to act upon such wishful thinking, i.e., the roadsides being so overgrown as DPW can no longer keep up as there was no money appropriated to tackle such routine maintenance requirements.

This was the basis for such a question being asked by our party as the Board of Election did not follow the law as stipulated and in which the CNMI Supreme Court said: "We disagree, however, with the trial court that these were mere technical violations. We find that the violations that occurred in this case not only run counter to the legislative purpose behind the enactment of Public Laws 16-38 and 16-43, but that they also effectively undermine the core principles of our democratic process. The stated purpose of Public Law 16-38 was to "promote fair, honest, and transparent elections in the Commonwealth," and to "amend[] current election law to the benefit of the voters wishing to participate in the political process." The Commission's failure to conduct a preliminary count on Rota deprived the candidates their right to observe the Commission's review of ballots rejected by the voting machine—thereby subverting transparency—and effectively removed Rota voters from the arguably most important part of the election."

I offer the following link as reference for those wanting to

see the full Supreme Court ruling: http://www.cnmilaw.org/pdf/supreme/2009-MP-20.pdf

Mr. Pixley will probably put forward that I agreed to make payments. The answer to that "is that such a statement would be true." He will probably offer us evidence that says he was going to give me a discount and that it would lower the payment to only \$5,000. This I can offer the public as being true as well. I don't know how Mr. Pixley was involved but this issue would be used against me in more ways than can be imagined. Steve, I forgive you as you too were a pawn in someone's perverted chessboard. What Mr. Pixley doesn't know is that Sen. Juan Ayuyu, his client, instructed me not to make payments. These are the senator's words: "Ross, this guy is like my brother, nothing will happen. I'll talk to him about it. I'll make sure you won't have to deal with this." This happened after I called his wife up that Thanksgiving Day to tell her not to worry, as fighting this would only make it more costly. I took into consideration that by winning such an issue would only be an intrinsic reward, where \$7K will then double or even triple in some cases. The only guys smiling at the end of the day is the winning lawyer. Who got duped here? They had kids in college while mine were still far away from college, so this was why I agreed to pay the \$7K.

Well, the next part of this drama is where it became a question of my overall morality and integrity. I will not mention any names, but I was offered payment of such fees from a candidate using Senator Ayuyu as their mouthpiece, as he knew I held the senator in high regard and would at times seek advice. I later had the opportunity to speak with the individual in person and asked if such assistance came with strings attached. I guess such a statement caught them by surprise as I never heard word of the subject again as we both knew such would be a bribe for a vote. For future reference to any politician out there reading this, please don't bother as I find it insulting. Anyhow, days became weeks, weeks became months, and then here we are today, back to where we started. I will make payment, but would like to ask a few questions:

- How is it that the winning party of the lawsuit which I offered reference via the previous link becomes liable for making payments to the losing party's lawyers?
- How is it that we get the same judge deciding on such as he was the judge that we appealed from? Wouldn't that conflict him? Isn't the look of conflict enough for one to recuse oneself?
- How is it that my Mom's case can drag for 30-plus years? I've got the answer to that if there are those that refuse to see it themselves. Judges were once lawyers. Lawyers are a part of what organization? The CNMI Bar Association. They talk to their fellow lawyers.
- So is the system representing you? Ask yourself who will be deciding the issue on the \$40 million attorney's fees? A former lawyer.
- I see other lawyers coming out on the papers saying trust the judicial system. Hmmmm...

What I offer readers is my side of the story with some twists and turns to gather your critical thinking skills. For those offended by such, you may need a reality check. I apologize for not offering this letter to *Marianas Variety* as their online commenters seek to defame people pretty quickly. If you have something to say and want people to take you seriously put your name behind your statements. Let's see what they'll throw at me next.

Ross Hugh Songao Manglona

Former candidate for House of Representatives Rota

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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Miami	Thundershowers	s ≜ 88	₹78
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Tropical Storm Pabuk (19W) is centered 600 miles north-northwest of Saipan at 23N142E moving northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph. Heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 210 miles of the center farther east. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are developing northeast of the Marianas within 50 miles of a line from 17N148E to 23N149E. For more information on Tropical Storm Pabuk, see bulletins issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM and by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. Converging west winds well southwest of Tropical Storm Pabuk are generating scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms across parts of Palau. Yap state and the Marianas between 16N and 7N from 130E to 146E. Trade-wind convergence is generating numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Marshall Islands within 130 miles of a line from 6N175E to 9N180. Scattered showers are located south of Majuro between 6N and 1N from 168E to 173E. A surface trough extends southwestward from 25N165E to 17N160E. An upper-level low is centered north of Wake Island at 25N165E. These features are combining to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Wake Island between 25N and 15N from 168E to 176E.

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Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300 Rota-Saipan	17:00 17:50	17:30 18:20	Daily Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota			,	Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota	IU.LU	10.10	Dully	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
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Business

Blame already being cast over budget fight

WASHINGTON (AP)—Even before a budget deadline arrives, leaders from both parties are blaming each other-and some Republicans are criticizing their own-for a government shutdown many are treating as inevitable.

The top Democrat in the House says Republicans are "legislative arsonists" who are using their opposition to a sweeping health care overhaul as an excuse to close government's doors. A leading tea party antagonist in the Senate counters that conservatives should use any tool available to stop the Affordable Care Act from taking hold. President Bill Clinton's labor secretary says the GOP is willing "to risk the entire system of government to get your way," while the House speaker who oversaw the last government shutdown urged fellow Republicans to remember "this is not a dictatorship."

The unyielding political posturing on Sunday comes one week before Congress reaches an Oct. 1 deadline to dodge any interruptions in government services. While work continues on a temporary spending bill, a potentially more devastating separate deadline looms a few weeks later when the government could run out of money to pay its bills.

"This is totally irresponsible, completely juvenile and, as I

If there is a shutdown

The federal government could shut down if Congress is unable to reach a compromise to fund the government beyond Sept. 30. Examples of services affected in a government shutdown:



Parks, museums

· Almost 400 National Park Service sites would close; Smithsonian, other museums, monuments would close; Washington, D.C.'s, Cherry Blossom Parade cancelled



Armed forces

- Military would continue to work but get IOUs for paychecks during shutdown
- · Health care and other services for veterans could be curtailed



Federal tax returns

- · Processing of paper returns (more than 20 percent of all returns) and refunds would stop; audits delayed
- E-filed returns, refunds not affected



Federal workers and services

- About 800,000 would be furloughed
- · Border Patrol hiring could be put on hold
- · Applications for U.S. passports and U.S. visa applications could be delayed



Small business, housing

- Small Business Administration would stop approving loans
- · New loan guarantees from the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) not processed



Health. environment

- · No new patients accepted for clinical research at National Institutes of Health
- · Environmental Protection Agency review of environmental impact statements would stop

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called it, legislative arson. It's just destructive," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said in an interview that aired Sunday.

The Republican-led House on Friday approved legislation designed to wipe out the 3-yearold health care law that President Barack Obama has vowed to preserve. But the House's move was more a political win than a measure likely to be implemented.

Across the Capitol, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid said he would keep the health law intact despite Republicans' attempts, in his words, "to take an entire law hostage simply to appease the tea party anarchists."

One of those tea party agitators, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, showed little sign on Sunday that he cared about the uphill climb to make good on his pledge to derail the health care law over Obama's guaranteed veto.

"I believe we should stand our ground," said Cruz, who already was trying to blame Obama and his Democratic allies if the government shuts down.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat, said Cruz's efforts were destructive and selfserving as Cruz eyes a White House campaign.

"I cannot believe that they are going to throw a tantrum and throw the American people and our economic recovery under the bus," she said.

"This is about running for president with Ted Cruz. This isn't about meaningful statesmanship," she added later.

The wrangling over the budget comes as lawmakers consider separate legislation that would let the United States avoid a first-ever default on its debt obligations. House Republicans are planning legislation that would attach a 1-year delay in the health care law in exchange for ability to increase the nation's credit limit of \$16.7 trillion.

Obama, speaking to political allies on Saturday evening, showed little patience for the GOP efforts to undermine his legislative accomplishment by either avenue.

"We will not negotiate over whether or not America should keep its word and meet its obligations," Obama told the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation dinner. "We're not going to allow anyone to inflict economic pain on millions of our own people just to make an ideological point."

Congress doesn't seem eager to help Obama, although there are deep divides—both between parties and within them—over who deserves blame.

Rep. Tom Graves, R-Ga., said the goal was to defund the president's health care legislation for at least one more year if

"We do have eight days to reach a resolution on this, and I propose an idea that kept the government operating and opened for an entire year while delaying and defunding Obamacare for a year so that we could work out those differences," Graves said.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose faceoff with Clinton led to government shutdowns that inflicted significant damage on the GOP and helped resurrect the then-president's political fortunes in time for his 1996 re-election bid, said his GOP colleagues should not yield.

"This is not a dictatorship. Under our constitution, there should be a period of tension and there should be a compromise on both sides," Gingrich said.

Robert Reich, who was Clinton's labor secretary, said that works only if both parties are willing to negotiate.

"Sorry, under our constitutional system you're not allowed to risk the entire system of government to get your way," Reich said.

It is likely that when the House legislation arrives in the Senate, Democrats there will strip off the health care defunding mechanism. Democrats plan to send back to the House a bill that prevents disruptions in government services but not the health provision they championed.

Pope offers hope to Sardinia's poor, unemployed

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (AP)— Pope Francis denounced what he called big business's idolatry of money as he traveled Sunday to one of Italy's poorest regions to offer hope to the unemployed and entrepreneurs struggling to hang on.

"Where there is no work, there is no dignity," he said.

Francis left aside his prepared remarks and spoke off the cuff to thousands of people in Sardinia's capital, telling them he knew well what it was like to suffer from financial crisis. He recalled that his Italian parents, who immigrated to Argentina before he was born, spoke about it often at home.

"My young father went to Argentina full of illusions of making it in America." a somber Francis told the crowd at the start of a daylong visit to the island. "And he suffered the terrible crisis of the 1930s. They lost everything. There was no work."

He said it's easy for a priest to come and tell the poor to have courage, but that he really meant it. Amid shouts of "Lavoro!" (Work! Work!), Francis called for a dignified work for all.

Sardinia, known for its pristine beaches and swank vacation homes, has been particularly hard-hit by Italy's economic crisis, with businesses closing and more and more of the island's families forced to seek charity. The island's desperation made headlines last year when a coal miner, participating in an underground sit-in to protest the planned closure of the mine, slashed his wrists on television.

Unemployment in Italy is at 12 percent, with youth unemployment a staggering 39.5 percent. In Sardinia and the rest of Italy's south and islands, the figures are even worse: Unemployment is nearing 20 percent, with youth unemployment at 50 percent.

Francis told the Sardinians, some of whom wore hardhats from their defunct factory jobs, that the economic problems were the result of a global economic system "that has at its center an idol called money."

Francis has made reaching out to the poor and most marginal the priority of his pontificate. This is only his second visit to an Italian city outside Rome; the first was to the isolated island of Lampedusa, where thousands of migrants come ashore each year.

Tests: New iPhones less durable than iPhone 5

NEW YORK (AP)—As Apple pitches its newest smartphones, users may find something lacking compared with last year's model: They could break more easily.

SquareTrade, a provider of protection plans for gadgets, tested five smartphones, including Apple's new iPhones, to see if they could withstand drops, dunks and other common hazards. Its finding: The latest models aren't as durable as last year's iPhone 5.

The biggest loser, however, was Samsung's Galaxy S4, which failed to work after being submerged in water and being dropped 5 feet off the ground, according to San Franciscobased SquareTrade.

The phone that withstood SquareTrade's torture test best was Google Inc.'s Moto X. The Moto X is the first phone designed with the Internet company as Motorola's new owner. Released in August, the Moto X is also the first smartphone assembled in the U.S.

"We were expecting that at least one of the new iPhone models would up its game, but surprisingly, it was the Moto X that proved most forgiving of accidents," said Ty Shay, chief marketing officer at SquareTrade.

Officials from Apple Inc.,



Customers check out the latest versions of the iPhone that went on sale Friday, Sept. 20, 2013 in Montreal.

Samsung Electronics Co. and Google Inc. didn't immediately return email messages for comment.

Apple started selling two new iPhones on Friday. The iPhone 5S sports a fingerprint sensor, a better camera and a faster processor. A less expensive version, the iPhone 5C, offers consumers a wider choice of colors and has a better front-facing camera than the iPhone 5.

With every upgrade Apple has made, the latest model has usually been more durable than the to ensure consistency. previous one, based on drop tests SquareTrade has done over the past few years, Shay said. But that wasn't the case this time.

SquareTrade reviewed each device based on eight factors, including the materials of the device's front and back panels, its size and its weight. It also tested the device's ability to withstand drops from 5 feet and being dunked in water for 10 seconds. SquareTrade says it uses robots to do the testing

SquareTrade rates phones on a scale of 1 to 10, with a higher number reflecting a higher risk of the device breaking. All five phones tested were considered to have a medium risk of breakage, but where they fell on the scale differed.

The Galaxy S4 scored 7, the worst of the five tested. The S4 ended up not functioning, with its screen coming half off, according to a video released by SquareTrade.

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Nation

Rising immigrant deaths put burden on Texas county

FALFURRIAS, Texas (AP)—By the time the woman perished, she had probably slogged 25 miles through dry ranch lands in her quest to enter the United States. She was found just feet from a highway where she might have been picked up and taken to Houston with other migrants making the same journey.

Not long ago, her body would have been taken to a funeral home for a cursory attempt at identification, then buried in this town an hour north of the Mexico border under a sign reading "unknown female."

Her death, probably from hyperthermia, is part of a mounting body count that has overwhelmed sparsely populated Brooks County, providing further evidence that immigrants are shifting their migration routes away from the well-worn paths into Arizona and instead crossing into deep southern Texas. The changing patterns have put an extra burden on local governments with limited experience in such matters and even fewer financial resources.

"There are some counties that have the economic wherewithal to take on these issues, and there are other counties that just don't have any money, so that puts them into a real bad bind," said Raquel Rubio Goldsmith, coordinator of the Binational Migration Institute at the University of Arizona, which researches immigration issues.

But Brooks County is trying to step up to the challenge. Now, all newly recovered bodies and skeletal remains of suspected immigrants will travel 90 miles to nearby Webb County for autopsies, DNA sampling and more intense efforts at identification.

It's a monumental step for



In this Aug. 23, 2013, photo, a small sign at a cemetery marks the grave site of an unidentified body found on a ranch, in Falfurrias, Texas.

Brooks County, population just over 7,100, where on a recent morning the chief deputy mopped the floors of the sheriff's office himself. He will also be making the weekly trips to deliver corpses to the medical examiner in Laredo.

The county handled 129 bodies last year, which Judge Raul Ramirez, the county's top administrator, says blew a hole in the budget. And even though he and most other local officials see illegal immigration as a federal problem, federal money has not followed.

Last year, Brooks County trailed only Pima County, Ariz.,

in the number of immigrant bodies recovered and they already have 76 this year. Nearly a million people live in Pima County, and the 171 bodies found in 2012 were consistent with annual totals dating back to 2004, according to a report by the migration institute.

Brooks County, on the other hand, averaged 50 to 60 dead before last year, but Border Patrol apprehensions in the area have soared.

The number of immigrants detained in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley border sector outpaced the historic leader, the Tucson sector, by more than 30,000. Those num-

bers are an imperfect measure of the overall flow of migrants, but most of the growth has involved Central American immigrants, who often take the more direct route to the U.S. through Texas.

Immigrants typically die in Brooks County trying to circumvent a Border Patrol checkpoint. They're usually dropped off with guides south of the checkpoint and forced to hike for two or three days to a pickup spot north of the checkpoint.

In the past, unidentified immigrants were crammed into the local cemetery without DNA samples being taken. The cemetery did not even have accurate

records for the dead. In May, Lori Baker, a Baylor University anthropologist, led a team to Falfurrias to exhume unidentified immigrants' graves.

Baker identified 54 marked graves but found 63 burials. In some cases, the team opened a body bag expecting to find one person and found four other bags of remains. Some of the remains carried tags indicating they came from a neighboring county.

She plans to return for more exhumations next year, and she's encouraged by the county's progress, noting that the shortstaffed sheriff's office is going to start taking DNA samples from family members who come looking for missing loved ones.

Three days before the woman was found on the El Tule Ranch, ranch manager Lavoyger Durham proudly showed off his personal contribution to addressing the problem: a 55-gallon blue plastic drum holding one-gallon water jugs. The water station is topped with a 30-foot pole and a large blue flag.

Durham said it was the first water station in Brooks County, and he has plans for several more. He would prefer for the government to erect a double-layer border fence. But in the meantime, the 68-year-old doesn't want to see people continue to die on the ranch. He estimates he's found 25 bodies on the property in the past 23 years.

"I'm trying to expose the killing fields of Brooks County," Durham said. "If dead human beings don't catch your attention, what the hell else is going to? We're just trying to be human about it."

Dr. Corinne Stern, the Webb County medical examiner, puts her office's identification rate on non-skeletal remains at 65 to 70 percent. But the woman from the ranch remains a Jane Doe for now. Found on Aug. 26, she was already in an advanced stage of decomposition.

There are clues, though. She was wearing earrings and a ring on the middle finger of her left hand. She wore a Gold's Gym t-shirt and pink Converse sneakers with pink laces. She carried several phone numbers, which haven't turned up anything yet.

Tucked into one pocket of her shorts was a photo of a boy about age five. He's wearing a suit and what appears to be a graduation cap.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama on Sunday memorialized the victims of the Washington Navy Yard shooting by urging Americans not to give up on a transformation in gun laws that he argued are to blame for an epidemic of violence. "There is nothing inevitable about it—it comes about because of decisions we make or fail to make," Obama said.

Reprising his role of the nation's consoler in chief after yet another mass shooting, Obama issued a call to action on gun control measures that failed to pass earlier this year and show no new momentum in the wake of last week's rampage at a military installation just blocks from the Capitol.

"Our tears are not enough," Obama told thousands gathered to mourn at the Marine Barracks. "Our words and our prayers are not enough. If we really want to honor these 12 men and women, if we really

Obama says fight for gun laws 'ought to obsess us' ground checks for gun buy-

want to be a country where we can go to work and go to school and walk our streets free from senseless violence without so many lives being stolen by a bullet from a gun, then we're going to have to change."

Obama said when such senseless deaths strike in America, "it ought to be a shock to all of us, it ought to obsess us. It ought to lead to some sort of transformation."

But, Obama said, "nothing happens. Alongside the anguish of these American families, alongside the accumulated outrage so many of us feel, sometimes I fear there is a creeping resignation that these tragedies are just somehow the way it is, that this is somehow the new normal. We cannot accept this. As Americans bound in grief and love, we must insist here today there is nothing normal about innocent



President Barack Obama comforts an unidentifed woman sitting in the family section at a memorial service for the victims of the Washington Navy Yard shooting at Marine Barracks Washington Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013.

men and women being gunned down where they work."

He said no other advanced nation endures the kind of gun violence seen in the United States, and blamed mass shootings in America on laws that fail "to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and dangerous people."

"What's different in America is it's easy to get your hands on a gun," he said. He acknowledged "the politics are difficult," a lesson he learned after failing to get expanded backers through the Democraticcontrolled Senate this spring. Obama had proposed the measure after the shooting at Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School killed 20 firstgraders and six staff.

"And that's sometimes where the resignation comes from: the sense that our politics are frozen and that nothing will change. Well, I cannot accept that," Obama said. "By now, though, it should be clear that the change we need will not come from Washington, even when tragedy strikes Washington. Change will come the only way it ever has come, and that's from the American people."

Obama joined military leaders in eulogizing the dozen victims killed in last Monday's shooting, speaking from the parade grounds at the Marine Barracks, a site personally selected

by Thomas Jefferson because of its close marching distance to the Navy Yard. The memorial service came on the first day of fall, which shone brightly in Washington, with sun sparkling off the instruments being played by the Navy Band and the gold dress uniform buttons worn by so many in the crowd.

The invitation-only crowd included around 4,000 mourners, with the victims' tearful, black-clad family members directly in front of the speakers' stage. The president and first lady Michelle Obama met privately with the families before the service, White House officials said.

Authorities say their loved ones' lives were taken Monday by shotgun-wielding Aaron Alexis, a 34-year-old former Navy reservist and information technology contractor who struggled with mental illness. Police killed Alexis in a gun battle.

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Asia

Suicide attack on Pakistani church kills 81 people

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)— A pair of suicide bombers blew themselves up amid hundreds of worshippers at a historic church in northwestern Pakistan on Sunday, killing 81 people in the deadliest-ever attack against the country's Christian minority.

A wing of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing, raising new questions about the government's push to strike a peace deal with the militants to end a decadelong insurgency that has killed thousands of people.

The Jundullah arm of the Taliban said they would continue to target non-Muslims until the United States stopped drone attacks in Pakistan's remote tribal region. The latest drone strike came Sunday, when missiles hit a pair of compounds in the North Waziristan tribal area, killing six suspected militants.

The attack on the All Saints Church, which wounded 141 people, occurred as worshippers were leaving after services to get a free meal of rice offered on the front lawn, said a top government administrator, Sahibzada Anees.

"There were blasts and there was hell for all of us," said Nazir John, who was at the church in the city's Kohati Gate district along with at least 400 other worshippers. "When I got my senses back, I found nothing but smoke, dust, blood and screaming people. I saw severed body parts and blood all around."

Survivors wailed and hugged one another in the wake of the blasts. The white walls of the church, which first opened in the late 1800s, were pockmarked with holes caused by ball bearings contained in the bombs to cause maximum damage. Blood stained the floor and the walls. Plates filled with rice were scat-



Pakistani women grieve over the coffins of their relatives, who were killed in a suicide attack on a church, in Peshawar, Pakistan, Sunday.

tered on the ground.

The attack was carried out by two suicide bombers who detonated their explosives almost simultaneously, said police officer Shafqat Malik.

The 81 dead included 34 women and seven children, said Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan. Another 37 children were among the 141 wounded, he said.

The number of casualties from the blasts was so high that the hospital ran short of caskets for the dead and beds for the wounded, said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, a former information minister of surrounding Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province who was on the scene.

"This is the deadliest attack

against Christians in our country," said Irfan Jamil, the bishop of the eastern city of Lahore.

Pope Francis led several thousand people in a prayer for the victims while on a visit to Sardinia. Those who carried out the attack, he said, "took the wrong choice, one of hatred and war."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the "atrocious" attack in the strongest possible terms and expressed deep concern at "the repeated attacks of blind violence against religious and ethnic minorities in Pakistan," U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

Ban said "these acts of terror cannot be justified by any cause," reiterated the U.N.'s solidarity with the government's ongoing struggle against terrorism and extremism, and urged the government to continue effort to build tolerance and strengthen relations between diverse religious and ethnic communities, Nesirky said.

One of the wounded, John Tariq, who lost his father in the attack, demanded of those behind the bombing: "What have we done wrong to these people? Why are we being killed?"

Ahmad Marwat, who identified himself as the spokesman for the Jundullah wing of the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the attack.

'All non-Muslims in Pakistan are our target, and they will remain our target as long as America fails to stop drone strikes in our country," Marwat

told The Associated Press by

telephone from an undisclosed

location.

Jundullah has previously claimed responsibility for attacks on minority Shiite Muslims in southwestern Baluchistan province. Hard-line Sunni extremists like the Taliban consider Shiites to be heretics.

The bishop in Peshawar, Sarfarz Hemphray, announced a three-day mourning period and blamed the government and security agencies for failing to protect the country's Christians.

"If the government shows will, it can control this terrorism," said Hemphray. "We have been asking authorities to enhance security, but they haven't paid any heed."

Hundreds of Christians burned tires in the street in the southern city of Karachi to protest the bombing.

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the attack in a statement sent to reporters, saying, "The terrorists have no religion and targeting innocent people is against the teachings of Islam and all religions."

"Such cruel acts of terrorism reflect the brutality and inhumane mindset of the terrorists," he said.

Islamic militants have carried out dozens of attacks across the country since Sharif took office in June, even though he has made clear that he believes a peace deal with the Pakistani Taliban is the best way to tamp down violence in the country.

Pakistan's major political parties endorsed Sharif's call for negotiations earlier this month. But the Taliban have said the government must release militant prisoners and begin pulling troops out of the northwest tribal region that serves as their sanctuary before they will begin talks.

There are many critics of peace talks who point out that past deals with the Taliban have fallen apart and simply given the militants time to regroup.

"I don't think appeasement will work," said Farhatullah Babar, a senior leader of the main opposition group, the Pakistan People's Party. "This is a message from them that they don't believe in negotiations. If they don't, we should also stand up and fight them."

Supporters of negotiations say they are the only way forward since military operations against the Taliban in the tribal region have failed to subdue them.

ASIA BRIEFS

Muslim rebels attack southern town, seize hostages

MANILA, **Philippines** (AP)—A group of Muslim rebels opposed to peace talks with the Philippine government has stormed a southern CANBERRA, town and seized several hostages while battling security forces. The military reported the rebels attacked Midsayap township Monday and triggered clashes with government forces. As troops closed in, the withdrawing rebels split into several groups and took four teachers and 11 farmers hostage. Some hostages were later released and it wasn't clear how many are still held. One soldier was killed. The attackers belong to Bangasamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters, a breakaway faction of a large rebel group that has signed a peace agreement in exchange

for autonomy for minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

Snake grounds jet with 370 passengers in Sydney

Australia (AP)—A tiny snake found on a Qantas Boeing 747 airliner has led to 370 passengers being grounded in Sydney overnight. Qantas said in a statement the 20-centimeter (8-inch) snake was found by staff in the passenger cabin near the door before passengers were due to board late Sunday at Sydney International Airport for a flight to Tokyo. The Australian airline said the passengers were accommodated in hotels overnight and left Sydney on a replacement plane Monday morning. The snake was taken by quarantine officials for analysis.

Powerful typhoon strikes southern China; 21 dead

BEIJING (AP)—The year's powerful typhoon slammed into southern China, leaving 21 dead, local authorities said Monday. The storm also forced hundreds of flight cancellations, shut down shipping and train lines and blew cars off the road.

The deaths occurred in Guangdong province, where Typhoon Usagi struck Sunday evening after veering away from the neighboring and densely populated financial hub of Hong Kong. It had earlier passed by Taiwan and the Philippines, where two deaths were reported.

The Guangdong provincial government's news office said on its official microblog that 13 of the 21 people were killed in Shanwei city, near the typhoon's landfall.

The official Xinhua News Agency had earlier reported three deaths—two killed when strong winds brought down a tree ahead of the typhoon's arrival, and a third person killed by falling window glass.

One county's electricity and water supply was cut off and houses were toppled by strong winds, Xinhua said. At one gas station near Shanwei city, winds blew cars off the road, it said.

In Hong Kong, dozens of trees were reported down and 13 people had sought medical treatment and seven of these were admitted to hospital, according to the Hong Kong government's information services department.

Usagi-Japanese for rabbit—was classified as a severe typhoon and had sustained winds of 175 kilometers (109 miles) per hour, with gusts of up to 213 kph (132 mph), on Sunday evening.

The storm had been a super typhoon on Saturday when it passed through the Luzon Strait separating the Philippines and



A tourist from mainland China braves strong wind near the waterfront in Hong Kong Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013.

Taiwan, a path likely sparing both places from the most destructive winds near its eye.

In the Philippines, Usagi left at least two people dead and two others missing, while in Taiwan nine people were hurt by falling trees.

The typhoon landed near the city of Shanwei in the Chinese province of Guangdong, about 140 kilometers (87 miles) northeast of Hong Kong, and was moving west-northwest at 22 kph (14 mph), the Hong Kong Observatory said late Sunday.

Intercity trains including the high-speed rail to Beijing, Shenzhen and Hong Kong would remain suspended until Tuesday, Xinhua said.

Ferry services between Hong Kong and nearby Macau and outlying islands were suspended as the observatory reported winds as strong as 68 kph (42 mph) and warned that a storm surge and heavy rains could cause flooding in low-lying areas.

Police in Shanwei ordered more than 8,000 fishing boats to return to port and more than 1,200 residents were taken to temporary shelters, China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

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World

Kenyan forces say they rescued 'most' hostages

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Helicopters circling overhead, Kenya's military launched a major operation Sunday at an upscale Nairobi mall and said it had rescued "most" of the hostages being held captive by al-Qaidalinked militants during a twoday standoff that killed at least 68 people and injured 175.

The military assault began shortly before sundown, with one helicopter skimming very close to the roof of the shopping complex as a loud explosion rang out, far larger than any previous grenade blast or gunfire volley.

Kenyan police said on Twitter that security forces had launched a "MAJOR" assault to end the bloody siege.

"This will end tonight. Our forces will prevail. Kenyans are standing firm against aggression, and we will win," Kenya's National Disaster Operation Centre said on Twitter.

The Kenya Defense Forces later said it had rescued "most" hostages and had taken control of most of the mall, though it did not provide details.

Many of the rescued hostages-mostly adults-were suffering from dehydration, Col. Cyrus Oguna, a military spokesman, told The Associated Press. He refused to say how many hostages were rescued or how many were still being held. He said some of the attackers had "most probably" been killed in the operation.

The assault came about 30 hours after 10 to 15 al-Shabab extremists stormed the mall Sat-



Trucks of soldiers from the Kenya Defense Forces arrive after dawn outside the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013.

urday from two sides, throwing grenades and firing on civilians.

Loud exchanges of gunfire rang out from inside the four-story mall throughout Sunday. Kenyan troops were seen carrying in at least two rocket-propelled grenades. Al-Shabab militants reacted angrily to the helicopters on Twitter and warned that the Kenyan military action was endangering hostages.

Kenyan authorities said they would do their utmost to save hostages' lives, but no officials could say precisely how many people were being held captive. Kenya's Red Cross said in a statement, citing police, that 49 people had been reported missing. Officials did not make an explicit link but that number could give an indication of the number of people held captive.

Kenya's Red Cross said the death toll rose to 68 after nine bodies were recovered Sunday. More than 175 people were injured, including many children, Kenyan officials said.

Somalia's al-Qaida-linked rebel group, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the attack that specifically targeted non-Muslims, saying it was in retribution for Kenyan forces' 2011 push into neighboring Somalia.

Terror attack

Somali terror militant group al-Shabab has claimed responsibility for a deadly attack in Kenya.

A look at al-Shabab

- Means "The Youth" in Arabic; largest group among several armed Somali organizations
- · Formed as a radical offshoot of
- the Union of Islamic Courts • Estimated to have 7,000 to

9,000 fighters © 2013 MCT Source: BBC, AP

State Department spokes-

tions, spoke Sunday with Soma-

lia's foreign minister and U.N.

ambassador.

woman Marie Harf said U.S. law enforcement, military and civilian personnel in Nairobi were providing advice and assistance to the Kenyan authorities. She said five Americans were among the scores of people injured in the attack, but the U.S. had no reports of any American deaths.

Earlier in the day, al-Shabab said on its new Twitter feedafter its previous one was shut down Saturday—that Kenyan officials were asking the hostage-takers to negotiate and offering incentives.

"We'll not negotiate with the Kenyan govt as long as its forces are invading our country, so reap the bitter fruits of your harvest," al-Shabab said in a tweet.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, who lost a nephew and the nephew's fiancee in the attack, reiterated his government's determination to continue fighting al-Shabab.

"We went as a nation into Somalia to help stabilize the country and most importantly to fight terror that had been unleashed on Kenya and the world," said Kenyatta. "We shall not relent on the war on terror."

Although this violent attack had succeeded, the Kenyan leader said, the country's security forces had "neutralized" many others.

Former Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga told reporters that "quite a number" of people were being held hostage in two areas of the sprawling complex, which includes stores for such retail giants as Nike, Adidas and Bose. Many hostages were believed to be in a grocery and general department store called Nakumatt.

Victims of the Kenya mall attack

LONDON (AP)—The attack on the upscale Westgate Mall in Kenya's capital has killed dozens of people and wounded scores of others. The dead include Africans, Europeans, Asians and North Americans. Here are details about some of the victims.

KENYA: President Uhuru Kenyatta's nephew and nephew's fiancee are among the dead.

INDIA: Two Indians, 8-year-old Parmashu Jain and 40-year-old Sridhar Natarajan, were killed, and four others were wounded in the attack, an External Affairs Ministry spokesman said.

BRITAIN: At least three U.K. nationals were killed in the attack, according to the Foreign Office, which warned the number of such fatalities is "likely to rise as further information becomes available."

FRANCE: Two French women were killed, President François Hollande said.

SOUTH AFRICA: One South African citizen was killed, according to the country's International Relations

CANADA: Two Canadians, including a diplomat, died in the attack, according to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. He paid tribute to the victims and noted the loss of diplomat Annemarie Desloges, who served in Canada's High Commission to Kenya as a liaison officer with the Canada Border Services Agency. Her spouse Robert Munk was wounded in the attack, but has since been Canadian Press reported.

GHANA: Ghanaian poet Kofi Awoonor died after being injured in the attack, the West African country's presidential office said. In addition to his writings, Awoonor was a professor and served as an ambassador in Brazil, Cuba and at the U.N.

THE NETHERLANDS: A 33-year-old Dutch woman died in the attack and seven other Dutch citizens who were in the mall escaped unharmed, Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans said. The victim's identity wasn't immediately released.

CHINA: A 38-year-old Chinese woman was killed; her son was injured and hospitalized in stable condition, the Chinese Embassy in Kenya said in a statement.

U.S.: Ruhila Adatia-Sood, wife of Ketan Sood, a foreign service national working for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Nairobi was killed, USAID said in a press statement. She was a popular radio and TV personreleased from the hospital, the ality in Kenya. Five American citizens were injured, U.S. officials said.

> **NEW ZEALAND**: Andrew McLaren, 34, a New Zealander who manages a factory in Kenya for the avocado oil company Olivado, was wounded in the attack, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed. He was hospitalzed in stable condition.

> AUSTRALIA: A dual Australian-British citizen was killed, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said. It was not clear whether this victim was included among the Britons killed.

Suicide bomber hits Iraq Sunni funeral, killing 16

Dozens killed in

shooting rampage

at shopping mall

coordinated

Victoria

BAGHDAD (AP)—A suicide bomber detonated his explosive belt among Sunni mourners attending a funeral in Baghdad on Sunday, killing 16 people and wounding 35 others, officials said, in the latest episode of the country's near-daily violence.

Police officials said the evening attack took place when a suicide bomber detonated his explosive belt inside a tent where the funeral was being held in Baghdad's southern neighborhood of Dora.

Two other attacks in the country's north left two policemen dead and 37 others wounded. the officials added

Sunday's bloodshed came a day after a wave of attacks killed 104 people, most at a double suicide attack on a Shiite funeral in Baghdad.

Violence has spiked in Iraq during the past few months. More than 4,000 people have been killed between April and seen since the country was on the brink of civil war in 2006-08.

U.S. Secretary of State John

Kerry condemned what he

called "an enormous offense

against everybody's sense of

right and wrong," and called

the attackers "ruthless and com-

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pletely reckless terrorists."

Earlier on Sunday, a suicide bomber rammed an explosivesladen car into a residential area in the city of Kirkuk, wounding 35 people, Kirkuk Police Brig, Gen. Anwar Mohammed Qadir said.

The bomber targeted both a Kurdish educational office and an adjacent house for a Christian lawmaker, Qadir said. Seven members of the lawmaker's family were wounded in the attack.

Kirkuk is home to an ethnic mix of Arabs, Kurds and Turkomen who all have competing claims to the oil-rich area.

Hours after the Kirkuk bombing, police said a roadside bomb struck a security convoy near the northern city of Mosul, kill-August, a level of carnage not ing two soldiers and wounding two others.

Acting U.N. envoy in Iraq Gyorgy Busztin condemned the bombings, urging the government to boost security measures and Iraqis to refrain from revenge attacks.

"Retaliation can only bring more violence and it is the responsibility of all leaders to take strong action not to let violence escalate further," a statement from Busztin said Sunday.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualty figures for all attacks. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.

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Focus

WASHINGTON (AP)—Food stamps have figured in Americans' ideas about the poor for decades, from President Lyndon Johnson's vision of a Great Society to President Ronald Reagan's scorn for crooked "welfare queens" and President Bill Clinton's pledge to "end welfare as we know it."

Partisans tend to see what they want to see in the food stamp program: barely enough bread and milk to sustain hungry children, or chips and soda—maybe even steak and illicit beer—for cheaters and layabouts gaming the system.

Those differences were on display Thursday when the House voted to cut almost \$4 billion a year, or 5 percent, from the roughly \$80 billion-a-year program.

The House bill would tighten eligibility standards, allow states to impose new work requirements and permit drug testing for recipients, among other cuts to spending. A Senate bill would cut around one-tenth of the amount of the House bill, or \$400 million a year.

Republicans argued that work requirements target the aid to the neediest people. Democrats said the swelling rolls—more than 47 million people are now using the food stamps, or 1 in 7 Americans—show that the program is working at a time of high unemployment and great need.

A look at the history and future of food stamps:

NO MORE STAMPS

These days, people in the nation's largest food aid program pay with plastic.

These special debit cards are swiped at convenience store or supermarket checkouts to pay for groceries. The cards can't be used for alcohol or cigarettes or nonfood items such as toothpaste, paper towels or dog chow. Junk food or high-priced treats are OK.

The first food stamps were a temporary plan to help feed the hungry toward the end of the Great Depression of the 1930s. The government subsidized the cost of blue stamps that poor people used to buy food from farm surpluses.

The idea was revived in the 1960s and expanded under Johnson into a permanent program that sold food coupons to low-income people at a discount. Beginning in the 1970s, food stamps were given to the poor for free. Benefit cards began replacing paper in the 1980s, a move designed to reduce fraud and ease the embarrassment food stamp users felt at the cash register.

Food stamps aren't the government's only way to feed those in need. There are more than a dozen smaller programs, including the one for Women, Infants and Children, and free and reduced-price school lunches.

In 2008, food stamps were officially renamed the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance



This Feb. 6, 2010 file photo shows a sign announcing the acceptance of electronic Benefit Transfer cards at a farmers market in Roseville, Calif.

Food stamps again a vivid symbol in poverty debate

Program, or SNAP. Most people still know the name that's been familiar since 1939.

ONE IN EVERY 7 AMERI-CANS

In a nation of 314 million people, more than 47 million are eating with food stamps each month.

Who are they? Children and teenagers make up almost half, according to the Agriculture Department. About 10 percent are seniors.

The vast majority don't receive any cash welfare. Many households that shop with SNAP cards have someone who's employed but qualify for help because of low earnings.

The average food stamp allotment is \$133 a person per month. The monthly amount a family gets depends on the household's size, earnings and expenses, as well as changing food prices and other factors.

Households can qualify for help with earnings up to 30 percent higher than the federal poverty level, making the limit about \$30,000 for a family of four this year. These households are limited to no more than \$2,000 in savings, or \$3,250 if there are elderly or disabled residents.

In addition, most states allow people to qualify automatically for food stamps if they are eligible for certain other welfare programs, even if they don't meet the strict SNAP standards. Although food stamps are paid for with federal tax dollars, states administer the program and have some choices in setting requirements.

Language in Clinton's 1996 welfare overhaul required ablebodied adults who aren't raising children to work or attend job training or similar programs to qualify for food stamps after three months. But those work requirements across most of the nation have been waived for several years because of the high unemployment rate.

People who are living in the United States illegally aren't eligible for food stamps. Most adults who immigrate legally aren't eligible during their first five years in the country.

RISING LIKE YEAST

The cost to taxpayers more than doubled over just four years,

Some of the growth can be attributed to Obama's food stamp policies, but Congress' budget analysts blame most of it on the economy.

The big factors:

■ The SNAP program is an entitlement, meaning everyone who is eligible can get aid, no matter the cost to taxpayers.

out dependents are still being waived in most of the country.

■ Food stamp eligibility requirements were loosened by Congress in 2002 and 2008, before Obama became president.

■ Fluctuating food prices have driven up monthly benefit amounts, which are based on a low-cost diet.

FEWER TO FEED?

The number of people using food stamps appears to be leveling off this year, and long-term budget projections suggest the number will begin to fall as the economy improves.

Why is it taking so long? Although the jobless rate has dropped from its 2009 peak, it remains high, leaving a historically large number of people eligible for food stamps. Since the recession began, a bigger portion of people who are eligible have signed up for food stamps than in the past.

Many people who enrolled during the worst days of the recession still qualify for SNAP cards, even if they are doing a little better now. For example, they may have gone from being laid off to working a low-paying or part-time job.

The Congressional Budget Office predicts in about a decade the number of people using food stamps will drop to 34 million, or about 1 in every 10 people.

FOOD AND FRAUD

Abuse was a worry from the start. The 1939 food stamp program was launched in May and by that October a retailer had been caught violating the rules.

There's been progress along the way, especially after the nationwide adoption of SNAP cards, which are harder to sell for cash than paper coupons were. The government says such "trafficking" in food stamps has fallen significantly over the past two decades, from about 4 cents on the dollar in 1993 to a penny per dollar in 2008.

But many lawmakers say fraud is still costing taxpayers too much. Some people lie about their income, apply for benefits in multiple states or fail to quit the program when their earnings go up. Recipients must tell their state agency within 10 days if their income goes over the limit.

Some stores illegally accept food stamps to pay for other merchandise, even beer or electronics, or give out cash at a cut rate in exchange for phony food purchases, which are then reimbursed by the government.

FOOD AND FARMS

In Congress, it's a marriage of convenience.

Food stamp policy has been packaged in the same bill with farm subsidies and other agricultural programs since the 1970s. It was a canny way of assuring that urban lawmakers who wanted the poverty program would vote for farm spending. That worked until this year, when conservatives balked at the skyrocketing cost of food stamps.

In June, a farm bill that included food stamps was defeated in the Republican-led House because fiscal conservatives felt it didn't cut the program deeply enough.

In response, GOP leaders split the food and farm programs in two. The House passed the farm version in July and the food stamp version on Thursday. Both passed with narrow votes.

The House and Senate versions must be reconciled before the five-year farm bill can become law, and that won't be an easy task.

Food stamps remain in the farm bill passed by the Senate. That bill made only a half-percent cut to food stamps and the Democratic-led Senate will be reluctant to cut more deeply or to evict the poverty program from its home in the farm bill. Obama supported the cuts in the Senate bill, but has opposed any changes beyond that. The White House threatened to veto the House food stamp bill.

WHAT NOW?

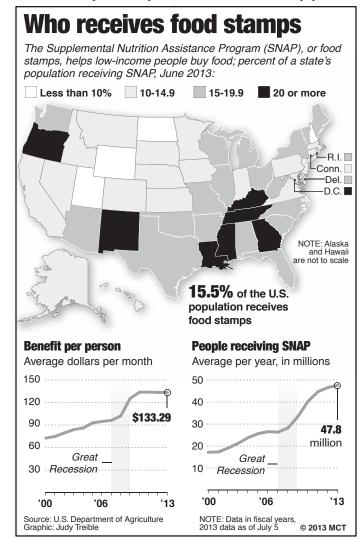
The current farm and food law expires at the end of the month.

If the two sides can't agree by

then, a likely scenario, Congress could vote to extend the law as it is, at the expense of many planned updates to agricultural policy. There won't be much urgency to do that until the end of the year, when some dairy supports expire and milk prices could rise.

Other farm supports won't expire until next year, but farmers have been frustrated with the drawn-out debate that has now lasted two years, saying they need more government certainty as they manage their farm operations.

SNAP benefits would still be available for now. While farm bills set food stamp policy, the money is paid out through annual appropriations bills that so far have left benefits intact.



from \$38 billion in 2008 to \$78 billion last year.

Liberals see a program responding to rising need at a time of economic turmoil. Conservatives see out-of-control spending, and many Republicans blame President Barack Obama. While seeking the GOP presidential nomination in 2012, Newt Gingrich labeled Obama the "food stamp president."

- Millions of jobs were lost in the recession that hit in 2007. Unemployment is still high, and many people who have jobs are working fewer hours or for lower pay than before, meaning more people are eligible.
- Obama's 2009 economic stimulus temporarily increased benefit amounts; that boost is set to expire on Nov. 1. Time limits for jobless adults with-

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Overdrive



By TERRY BOX THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Ice belongs in silvery top-shelf margaritas—hold the salt and all my calls, if that's still possible.

Anywhere outside a cocktail glass, ice remains a hazardous nuisance or the slippery topic of overheated debates about global

You know. Polar bears wearing Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses now stroll melting Arctic beaches while sipping Cokes, or something like that.

By extension, as a hot-weather hick from the sticks, I view most cars from cold-weather locales pretty coolly-ice-mobiles, I call them.

They typically lack soul and sauce and feel frozen stiff, ending up with names like Skoda and Saab and Trabant.

And they're often driven by pale people wearing thick overcoats and grim expressions.

"Want to go tear up some twolanes in my Trabant, little lady?"

But once again, I may need to revise a few of my blustery biases.

The first Volvo I drove years ago looked kind of like a large box in snowshoes—a sluggish, Swedish, all-weather station wagon for safety nannies, software writers and left-wing English professors.

Oddly, I ended up kind of admiring its ice-crunching competence. And later I drove a hot all-wheel-drive Volvo S60 T6 that I liked almost as much as the vaunted 3-series BMW.

Nonetheless, I had misgivings about the 2014 Volvo S60 T5 I had recently. That "T5" implied some big differences from the tempestuous T6 I had.

The T5 is Volvo's entry-level S60. Mine arrived with frontwheel-drive and a turbocharged 2.5-liter five-cylinder engine yes, five—with 250 horsepower.

On paper, it resembled a souped-up Honda Accord built by someone who couldn't count cylinders.

Fortunately, it still looked like an S60—relatively low with an aggressive stance and a lovely curving top.

My T5 was silver with interesting black and brown interior. At a fairly reasonable \$38,000, the ice buggy was equipped with touring suspension, sixspeed automatic and traction "vectoring" that helped reduce dreaded torque steer.

Up front, a traditional four-bar Volvo grille was squeezed tightly into the S60's sleekly blunt front end, flanked by aggressive headthat jumped away from red lights with vigor as long as you didn't punch the throttle too hard.

Jump on it severely, and you could induce turbo-lag, causing the engine to pause for a millisecond or so while it spooled up.

Once under full steam, the engine pulled surprisingly hard to 6,000 rpm or so, though it got a tad coarse above 5,000.

Zero to 60 took about six seconds. (I couldn't find any tests of the two-wheel-drive T5 on the Web, so my estimates are based on all-wheel-drive times.)

Though not fast, the T5 was quick and willing to be moving,

line of performance.

Rarely in my escapades did I encounter torque steer, by the way-that sensation in frontwheel-drive cars where power flowing through the wheels tugs hard at the steering wheel like some invisible Viking.

We may have to agree to disagree about the interior, though.

I kind of like Volvo's spare, contemporary interiors, but I have seen them described as overly plastic and cold.

Mine had a square black dashboard in a bold, patterned plastic. In the center of the hooded instrument panel was a

> single round gauge—a large tachometer with a 6,500 red line.

Speed was displayed in numbers in the center of the tach.

More simplicity awaits you in the center stack, which had a recessed, navigation smallish screen on top that implied it didn't want you staring at it and running off into a fiord or something.

The center stack curved gracefully into a console, with both cast in trim that looked like brushed aluminum.

The seats were even better. Black shells wrapped around baseball-mitt brown leather seats that were stitched, sculpted and provided decent bolsters.

And while the curving top suggested that head room might be limited in back, the overall space felt adequate for those of us under 6 feet.

Most of the time, in fact, I felt like an existentialist inside an Ikea store.

As you may have heard, Volvo was bought a few years ago by a Chinese automaker called Geely, and it suffered through a couple of mighty lean years.

But the company and its vehicles seem to be back and as cold as ever-and I say that with great respect.

Balky restarts might not be starter's fault

By PAUL BRAND

QUESTION: I have a 1999 Dodge 3/4-ton diesel that's going through starters every month or so. The batteries and all the cables have been replaced. Not long ago the fuel injector pump also was replaced to the tune of about \$2,500. Within a week or two of the new starter being

installed, my truck starts fine in the morning but after two or three stops during errands around town, it starts to take an unusual amount of "cranking" to start. It eventually fails altogether after a few days of this pattern. It still sounds like it's turning over adequately, but just doesn't start.

ANSWER: I'm confused! If the engine is still cranking over "adequately," why is the starter motor suspect? Unless you have to crank the engine for so long to get it restarted that the starter motor is overheating and failing, I don't see the direct link between the starter and the no restart.

Ask the dealer to check to see if the electronic control module, or ECM, in your vehicle has been reprogrammed with updated software as per TSB No. 18-015-00 Rev. A dated December 2000. The ECM recalibration specifically focuses on hot/warm restart issues.

If the starter motor is somehow the issue, it can be tested for electrical current draw. This 3.6-horsepower electric motor should draw 450 to 700 amperes while cranking the warm en-

If the issue is a failure of the starter pinion gear to engage or stay engaged to the flywheel/flexplate ring gear, the issue might be damaged teeth on the ring gear.

Q: After a half-hour of running, the low-oil warning alarm on my 2009 GM 6-liter pickup with 109,000 miles goes off, and the oil-pressure gauge reads below 10psi. The sending unit, oil pump and oil screen have been replaced with little or no correction. I have found a lot of chatter on the Internet about this, but no solution for my issue. Also, I am over on miles but under on time for warranty; does your experience tell you GM might do something for this problem and is there any place the public can find manufacture's service bulletins?

A: Many public libraries offer access to the Alldata automotive database that lists specifications, repair information, service bulletins and recall data for modern cars and trucks. It is also available as a subscription online for personal or professional use. According to the GM data in Alldata, minimum hot oil pressure specs on this engine are: 6 psi at 1000rpm, 18 psi at 2000rpm and 24 psi at 4000rpm.

I did see "a lot of chatter" on the Internet about this issue, but also didn't find solutions. Nor did I find any specific service bulletins or recalls.

Having replaced the oil pump, screen and sending unit, make sure that the oil filter is correct for this engine and scan the ECM for diagnostic trouble codes relating to the oil pressure sensor circuit—P0521/22/23. I also would suggest installing, even on a temporary basis, a mechanical oil-pressure gauge to confirm accurate oil-pressure numbers.

If oil pressure is lower than spec, it might be due to engine bearing wear, a sticky oil-pump pressure regulator valve, a faulty oil pump o-ring, a missing oil gallery plug or a broken valve lifter. If you don't find an obvious cause and the engine is not making any knocking, taping, rattling-type "low oil pressure" sounds, you could try treating the symptom with a heavier-viscosity oil, like a 10W-40.

Will GM "do something" to help? The only way to know is to

Q: We purchased a 2000 Toyota Corolla that now has over 110,000 miles on it. My wife and I are not heavy on the gas pedal and drive with care. How important is it to get the timing belt changed?

A: I love easy answers. The 1.8-liter (1ZZ-FE) engine has chaindriven rather than belt-driven camshafts. No routine maintenance or replacement is necessary.

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NUTS & BOLTS 2014 Volvo S60 T5:

- Type of vehicle: Front-wheel-drive, midsize, five-passenger sedan
- Fuel economy: 21 miles per gallon city, 30 highway
- Weight: About 3,700 pounds
- Engine: Turbocharged 2.5-liter five-cylinder with 250 horsepower and 266 pound-feet of torque
- Transmission: Six-speed automatic
- Performance: 0 to 60 mph in an estimated six seconds
- Base price, excluding destination charge: \$32,400
- **Price as tested:** \$38,065

Sources: Volvo Cars of North America; Car and Driver

lamps mounted low.

Its top seemed to be one large curve stretching elegantly from windshield to back window.

Though mostly slab-sided, the S60 got some tautness from a touch of curve through the doors and fenders, as well as nicely placed character lines.

Moreover, short overhangs front and rear and a long wheelbase enhanced its swagger, while 18-inch wheels shod with 235/40 tires provided a good stance.

Obviously, one of the more important questions with this S60 is what happens when you lose one cylinder, 50 horsepower and all-wheel-drive—features you get in the higher-priced sixcylinder T6?

The short answer is less than you might expect.

The engine in mine was a gutsy, energetic little stump-puller as Little Feat once said.

In addition, the 3,600-pound sedan was rated at 21 miles per gallon in the city and 30 on the highway. (I averaged about 24 mpg despite my heavy right foot.)

Like every Volvo I've driven, the T5 had steering that felt heavy and murky, reminding you that this ice buggy carried most of its heft over the front wheels.

At speed, the steering lightened and was quick, but it never developed much feel.

That weight was also evident in corners. But the S60 could turn into them with a fair amount of aggression and only moderate body lean.

Still, this is not a sports sedan. And the fact that you can kind of enjoy flogging the car puts it into the company of lower-level 3-series BMWs that always offer at least a base

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'Breaking Bad," Modern Family' crowned at Emmys

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Breaking Bad," the brutal, drug-fueled saga of an everyman's ambition turned evil, captured its first best drama Emmy Award on Sunday, denying the online series "House of Cards" a history-making honor.

"I did not see this coming," said "Breaking Bad" creator Vince Gilligan, tipping his hat to Netflix's political thriller "House of Cards," the first digital contender for top Emmy honors.

Attention and acclaim for the AMC cable channel's "Breaking Bad" has built as it nears the end of its five-season run next Sunday, with the final eight-episode arc eligible for next year's Emmys.

"Modern Family" won its fourth consecutive trophy for top comedy series even though its oft-honored cast was shut out this time.

Jeff Daniels won the Emmy for best drama series actor for his portrayal of an idealistic TV anchorman in "The Newsroom," with Claire Danes capturing top actress honors for her troubled CIA agent in "Homeland."

Daniels noted that he'd also received an age 50-plus acting honor from AARP, which



Cast members from "Breaking Bad", from left, RJ Mitte, Anna Gunn, Dean Norris, Jonathan Banks, Betsy Brandt, Bryan Cranston, Aaron Paul, and Bob Odenkirk, winners of the best drama series award, pose backstage at the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards at Nokia Theatre on Sunday Sept. 22, 2013, in Los Angeles.

represents the interests of older Americans.

"With all due respect to the AARP, this is even better," Dan-

iels said.

Danes, who captured her second trophy for the terrorism drama, paid tribute to one of the

series' writers, Henry Bromell, who died last March and who received a writing Emmy post-humously Sunday.

The ceremony often struck a melancholy note with extended tributes to stars and other industry members who died in the past year.

"Well, this may be the saddest Emmys of all time but we could not be happier," said "Modern Family" executive producer Steve Levitan.

The show also included upsets, defying the conventional wisdom in several categories, among them the best supporting acting comedy awards for Merritt Wever of "Nurse Jackie" and Tony Hale of "Veep."

"This just in. Nobody in America is winning their Emmy office pool. Surprises galore," said host Neil Patrick Harris.

Danes' win ended the hopes that "Scandal" best actress nominee Kerry Washington would become the first African-American to win in the category.

"Saturday Night Live" became the most-honored series ever with Don Roy King's directing award Sunday; its cumulative 40 Emmys top previous record-holder "Frasier."

Julia Louis-Dreyfus claimed her second consecutive best comedy actress award for her role as an ambitious political second banana in "Veep," with Jim Parsons again claiming the top comedy acting trophy for "The Big Bang Theory."

"This is so much good fortune it's almost too much to bear," said Louis-Dreyfus. "I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to make people laugh. It's a joyful way to make a living."

Parsons added to the awards he won in 2011 and 2010 for the role of a science nerd.

"My heart, oh my heart. I want you to know I'm very aware of how exceedingly fortunate I am," he said.

Laura Linney was named best actress in a miniseries or movie for "The Big C: Hereafter." "The Voice" won best reality-competition program, and Tina Fey won for writing "30 Rock."

Michael Douglas was honored as best actor for his portrayal of Liberace in "Behind the Candelabra," besting his costar Matt Damon. The film also captured a top trophy as best movie or miniseries.

"This is a two-hander and Matt, you're only as good as your other hand," Douglas said, then got really racy: "You want the bottom or the top?"

Bobby Cannavale, from "Boardwalk Empire," won as best supporting actor in a drama, and Anna Gunn from "Breaking Bad" won the best actress award in the same category.

In the variety show category, "The Colbert Report" broke a 10-year winning streak held by "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." It also won for best writing for a variety show.

A so-so Emmycast whose proven host falls short

By FRAZIER MOORE

AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Sometimes three's the charm, but No. 2 fell short at Sunday's Emmys.

Neil Patrick Harris' return gig as host wasn't up to his standards as an overall entertainer (or habitual Tonys emcee). Lukewarm writing and a lack of pizazz kept the Emmys at a low pitch even a pro like Harris couldn't overcome.

Sure, he did fine in a production number at roughly the half-way point of the slightly more than three-hour CBS broadcast. Titled, appropriately, "The Number in the Middle of the Show" (with explanatory lyrics that included "Opening numbers are so old hat"), it briefly livened things up, but didn't match Harris' songand-dance extravaganzas on Broadway as Tonys host.

The Emmycast began uncertainly with a pre-taped introduction that found Harris attempting to binge-watch the entire past season of TV to prepare for the big night, surrounded by dozens of screens in a mash-up of prime-time programming. It didn't work as a comic bit.

Then Harris' so-so monologue was interrupted by a select group of hecklers—previous Emmy hosts Jimmy Kimmel, Jane Lynch, Jimmy Fallon, Conan O'Brien, Tina Fey and

Amy Poehler.

It probably seemed like a funny idea, rounding up these funny folks. Instead, the bit seemed to never end, and mostly reawakened memories of what in too many cases were unsuccessful past hosting displays.

A shout-out to the evening's most delightful moment: the acceptance speech by Merritt Wever for the comedy supporting actress trophy.

In words that should go into the Emmy Winner's Howto Guide: "Thanks so much. Thank you so much. I gotta go. 'Bye."

She was fittingly saluted right afterward by Harris: "Best speech ever."

A decision to highlight the year's choreography nominees with a dance number was preceded by clips of those nominees creating the number. The finished product (which included Harris) was deft and action-packed, but the entire enterprise, including, of course, the announcement of the winner, was labored and too time-consuming.

A much-anticipated feature of the evening was a set of tributes to deceased TV notables that was notable no more for these who were remembered as for the TV legends it neglected (notably Jack Klugman and Larry Hagman, who were included fleetingly in the "In Memoriam" segment).

The five tributes were somber declarations that found Rob Reiner choking up as he recalled his "All in the Family" co-star Jean Stapleton, yet felt hollow when Robin Williams was describing Jonathan Winters' indescribable brand of comedy without a moment of footage exhibiting Winters in action. (This IS television, after all: Show, don't tell.)

A tribute to a pair of historic events conveyed by television a half-century ago (the assassination of President Kennedy and the Beatles' bursting on the scene on "The Ed Sullivan Show") served as little more than a setup for a much-hyped musical appearance by Carrie Underwood, who sang the Beatles' "Yesterday."

Before that, Elton John, no less glorified, sang his song "Home Again" with an even more tenuous excuse for being on this broadcast: He said the song "reminds" him of Liberace, the great pianist-entertainer portrayed in the HBO film "Behind the Candelabara" this past season by Michael Douglas, who introduced John along with co-star Matt Damon. It was a reach.

In short, the Emmycast seemed desperate to sparkle and to make a splash. It didn't quite trust its host and its winners to do that.

List of winners at Sunday's 65th annual Primetime Emmy Awards presented by the Acad-

WINNERS' LIST

ences:
■ Drama Series: "Breaking Bad," AMC.

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- Actor, Drama Series: Jeff Daniels, "The Newsroom," HBO.
- Actress, Drama Series:
 Claire Danes, "Homeland,"
 Showtime.
 Supporting Actor, Drama
- Series: Bobby Cannavale, "Boardwalk Empire," HBO.

 Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Anna Gunn,
- "Breaking Bad," AMC.
 Directing, Drama Series:
 David Fincher, "House of Cards," Netflix.
- Writing, Drama Series: Henry Bromell, "Homeland," Showtime.
- Comedy Series: "Modern Family," ABC.

- Actor, Comedy Series: Jim Parsons, "The Big Bang Theory," CBS.
- Actress, Comedy Series: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Veep," HBO.
- Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Tony Hale, "Veep," HBO.
- Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Merritt Wever, "Nurse Jackie," Showtime.
- Directing, Comedy Series: Gail Mancuso, "Modern Family," ABC.

■ Writing, Comedy Series:

- Tina Fey, Tracey Wigfield, "30 Rock," NBC.

 Miniseries or Movie:
- "Behind the Candelabra," HBO.
 Actor, Miniseries or Mov-
- Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Michael Douglas, "Behind the Candelabra," HBO.
- Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Laura Linney, "The Big C: Hereafter," Showtime.

- Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie: James Cromwell, "American Horror Story: Asylum," FX Networks.
- Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Ellen Burstyn, "Political Animals," USA.
- Directing, Miniseries or Movie: Steven Soderbergh, "Behind the Candelabra," HBO
- Writing, Miniseries or Movie: Abi Morgan, "The Hour," BBC America.
- Reality-Competition Program: "The Voice," NBC.
 Variety Series: "The Col-
- bert Report," Comedy Central.

 Writing, Variety Series:
 "The Colbert Report," Com-
- Directing, Variety Series: Don Roy King, "Saturday Night Live," NBC.

edy Central.

■ Choreography: Derek Hough, "Dancing With the Stars," ABC.

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Clinton: 'Pragmatic and realistic' about 2016

Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Rodham Clinton says in an interview with New York Magazine that she is wrestling with running for president again but remains "pragmatic and realistic" as she considers a potential White House campaign in 2016.

The former secretary of state told the magazine in an article posted online Sunday that she will do whatever she can "to advocate for the values and the policies I think are right for the country." Clinton said she would continue to weigh the factors that would influence her final decision but offered no timetable for an announcement.

"I'm not in any hurry. I think

it's a serious decision, not to be to know what's next. I feel like made lightly, but it's also not one that has to be made soon," Clinton said. "This election is more than three years away, and I just don't think it's good for the country." It was Clinton's first interview since departing as President Barack Obama's top diplomat in February.

The former first lady and New York senator compared it to meeting someone at a party "and they look over your shoulder to see who else is there, and you want to talk to them about something that's really important."

"In fact, maybe you came to the party to talk to that particular person, and they just want

now. I just don't think it is good."

The former first lady is the leading contender for the Democratic nomination if she chooses to run. Democrats are watching her moves closely for any indi-

cation of her decision, which could have a major influence on whether others decide to enter the race. Potential contenders include Vice President Joe Biden, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley.

Asked in the interview if she that's our political process right wrestles with running for presi-

dent, Clinton said, "I do, but I'm both pragmatic and realistic. I think I have a pretty good idea of the political and governmental challenges that are facing our leaders."

Clinton said she remains friends with Obama and felt "comfortable raising issues with him. I had a very positive set of interactions, even when I disagreed, which obviously occurred, because obviously I have my own opinions, my own views.'

she is enjoying spending more time with her husband, former President Bill Clinton, and having a more normal life after two decades in national politics.

"We get to be at home together a lot more now than we used to in the last few years. We have a great time; we laugh at our dogs; we watch stupid movies; we take long walks; we go for a swim," Mrs. Clinton said. "You know, just ordinary, everyday pleasures."

The former president said in a separate interview that aired Sunday on CNN's Fareed Zakaria GPS that any decision by his wife is "a long way ahead.

In the interview, Clinton says I think she would be the first to tell you that there is no such thing as a done deal, ever, by anybody. But I don't know what she's going to do."

Hillary Clinton remains a popular choice among many top Democrats. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said in an interview aired Sunday on CNN's State of the Union that if Clinton won the presidency, she would be one of the most experienced people to enter the White House in a long time, "certainly more prepared than President Obama, certainly more prepared than President Bush, certainly more prepared than President Clinton I might admit."

Runway trends arrive on Emmys red carpet

Kerry Washington is the fashion It Girl right now, and she has the straight-from-the-runway dress to prove it.

The "Scandal" star showed her style savvy at the Emmy Awards Sunday in fantasy gown in a blush color with gold embroidery that was at the Marchesa runway show just earlier this month.

"This was their final look. and the moment I saw it I asked them to send it to me," Washington said.

The Emmys red carpet stepped it up with modern catwalk trends, interesting colors and some risks. There were romantic lace overlays, graphic black-and-white combinations, strategic skin-baring slashes and tough-girl harnesses.

Claire Danes of "Homeland" wore a light, delicate champagne-colored gown by Armani Prive with a tulle bodice covered in barely-there sequins and a flared gown.



Kerry Washington, wearing Marchesa, arrives at the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards at Nokia Theatre on Sunday Sept. 22, 2013, in Los Angeles.

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Julia Louis-Dreyfus—an early winner for best comedy actress in "Veep"—had on a much more straightforward metallic column by Monique Lhuillier.

January Jones, who normally goes ultra sleek to contrast her retro "Mad Men" character, did a more romantic turn in a dustyrose lace gown by Givenchy.

Sofia Vergara wore the bodyhugging gown and mermaid hem that's she's known for, but anything less than this sort of bright red Vera Wang gown and oversized emerald Lorraine Schwartz jewels would disappoint the crowd.

The "Modern Family" star also had a plug for her retail partner Kmart, saying she had on underwear from there. "But you can't see that unless you rip the dress."

Tina Fey wore a royal-blue gown by Narciso Rodriguez that had a very open neckline but otherwise had the designer's minimalist touch. Alison Williams wore a similar color. Her gown by Ralph Lauren, strapless and an utterly clean silhouette, showed confidence.

Connie Britton didn't shy away from embellishment with a gold-on-teal gown by Naeem Khan. Lena Dunham stood out on the carpet, too, but her floralprint dress seemed one of the fashion misses of the night.

"Games of Thrones" star Emilia Clarke might not be a household name yet, but she wore a skilled red carpet designer: Donna Karan. Every geometric leaf cutout was cut and folded onto the actress' body. She's likely landing on fashion watchers' lists.

Heidi Klum turned up in a hard-edge halter gown by Versace, while "Top Chef" host Padma Lakshmi, another seasoned poser, turned some heads in her sleek, white Kaufman-Franco with an illusion halter neckline and a just-right flash of skin at her hip.

Perhaps more important than the established style stars looking picture perfect, were the new names—and the up-and-coming designers they chose to wear. They all added a jolt of excitement that's been missing from what largely over the past few awards seasons have been a sea of perfect, classic black dresses.

Thakoon has dressed Michelle Obama, but the label still wasn't a go-to for the awards circuit. That changed here with "Orange is the New Black" star Taylor Schilling's white gown with a delicate halter top, mostly bare back and high slit.

Romona Keveza had an impressive showing with dresses for Anna Gunn of "Breaking Bad," who wore an asymmetrical black beaded top over a light pink skirt, and Carrie Underwood in a more straightforward purple strapless.

Zosia Mamet of "Girls" wore a watercolor-print dress with a white bib front with black on the bustline by Honor, a new player on the celebrity circuit. It wasn't the typical Emmys look, to say the least—and that's going to get her photo beamed around the world.

Aubrey Plaza wore a harnesstop gown by Marios Schwab that featured black lace over a sand-colored gown.

Keirnan Shipka showed she can go stiletto sandal to stiletto sandal with her fashion favorite "Mad Men" co-stars. She wore a bold floral top and a retro-vibe flared print skirt with hand-embroidered overlay with chunky jewels by Delpozo. Christina Hendricks was practically tame in her more delicate black Christian Siriano, but she managed to add her own vavavoom.

One of the most controversial looks, though, might come from Jon Hamm—and we're not talking about his decision to wear an ivory-colored dinner jacket by Armani instead of a classic tux. He came with a full beard, shielding the face that his fans have been waiting to see again during the show's long hiatus.

'Prisoners' tops box office with \$21.4M

NEW YORK (AP)—The more adult-oriented fall moviegoing season got off to a strong start over the weekend, as the Hugh Jackman kidnapping drama "Prisoners" opened with a box office-leading \$21.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Warner Bros. thriller, which also stars Jake Gyllenhaal, is among the first fall films with Oscar aspirations to open in theaters. It was a strong debut for a serious, Rrated drama that cost about \$46 million to make.

Following the robust business for "Lee Daniels' The Butler" (now up to \$106.5 million in six weeks for the Weinstein Co.), the large audiences turning out for adult fare bodes well for Hollywood's coming awards season.

Directed by Denis Villeneuve, the nearly 2 1/2 hourlong "Prisoners" is about the working-class families of two young girls who are abducted. In a story heavy with allegory, Jackman plays a father willing to cross moral lines for justice. Gyllenhaal stars as the smalltown police detective trying to navigate the case.

Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., said the audience was 74 percent under the age of 50, with only 8 percent under 18. The film, he noted, was launched "very similarly" to Warner Bros.'s October-released "Argo," which, like "Prisoners," premiered at the Telluride Film Festival and then the Toronto International Film Festival.

In limited release, two other adult-oriented films opened well. Ron Howard's Formula One tale "Rush" opened in five theaters with a \$40,000 per-screen average. And the romantic comedy "Enough Said," which co-stars James Gandolfini in one of his final performances, opened in four theaters with a per-screen av-

- "Prisoners," \$21.4 million (\$500,000 international).
- "Insidious: Chapter **2,**" \$14.5 million (\$3.5 million interna-
- "The Family," \$7 million (\$1.5 million international).
- "Instructions Not Included," \$5.7 million (\$9.6 million international).
- "Battle of the Year," \$5 million.
- "We're the Millers," \$4.7 million (\$9.6
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- tional).
 "Riddick," \$3.7 million (\$9.4 million).
- "Wizard of Oz," \$3
- "**Planes**," \$2.9 million (\$7 million international).

erage of \$60,000. Both films expand next week.

"Prisoners," "Rush" and "Enough Said" have all received good reviews.

"A few years ago, people were saying that the adult drama is dead," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "We're just seeing a change. Now we're finding that intersection between good movies that are also generating big box office."

Last week's top film, "Insidious: Chapter 2," slid to second place for FilmDistrict. The horror film made \$14.5 million in its second weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. It has made \$60.9 million in two weeks domestically.

The Chris Brown dance film "Battle of the Year" opened poorly for Sony Pictures' Screen Gems, taking in only \$5 million. Warner Bros.'s 3-D conversion of "The Wizard of Oz" made \$3 million, opening on 318 IMAX screens.

Rihanna poses with protected primate in Thailand

Rihanna spent a weekend at the beach in Thailand, leaving behind a trail of racy tweets and an incriminating Instagram photograph showing her cuddling an endangered primate. That didn't sit well with authorities, who arrested two people for allegedly peddling protected species.

On a break from her Diamonds World Tour, Rihanna visited the Thai island of Phuket, where she befriended the wildlife.

An Instagram photo she also shared on Twitter showed her in sunglasses snuggling up to a furry primate called the slow loris and was captioned: "Look who was talkin dirty to me!"

The slow loris, a squirrel-like animal with big eyes, is native to Southeast Asia and is listed as a protected species.

"Phuket authorities were alerted to the picture (of Rihanna), and last night police arrested the two individuals who brought out the loris as a photo opportunity for tourists," a Phuket district chief, Weera Kerdsirimongkon, said by telephone Sunday.

Police confiscated two lorises from the pair—a 20-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy-who could face charges of possession of protected animals. The charge carries a penalty of up to four



years in prison and a 40,000 baht (\$1,300) fine.

Weera said authorities have tried for years to crack down on

wildlife, particularly in popular tourist areas where people pay to pose for pictures with elephants, orangutans and other animals.

"It's like a cat-and-mouse game. But this time it's bigger because a celebrity like Rihanna posted the picture, and there were more than 200,000 'likes' from around the world," he said.

Rihanna also posted a picture of herself playing with a herd of elephants in the street Friday night, with the comment: "They all hail Empress when She walk by."

On the same night, she tweeted a few unprintable comments about what she apparently witnessed at an adult show in one of Phuket's red-light districts.

Saturday's social media postings were devoted to the beach and photographs of the singer in a black bikini on a boat surrounded by turquoise water with limestone cliffs in the distance.

Before leaving Thailand on Sunday, she posted from the airport: "Gave the immigration guy my passport and he handed me this in return without a word. Lol." The Instagram image had a picture of the singer that said "I love Rihanna."

She performed on Sunday in Singapore before her tour heads to Australia and New Zealand.

Overprotective parents are driving daughter out the door

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 23-yearold woman who still lives at home. I have been working for the last five years and have saved enough to live comfortably on my own. Unfortunately, my parents have forbidden me to do it because they think I'm being manipulated into it by my boyfriend, that I just want to "do whatever I want" and be out until late (although I'm rarely up



past 9 p.m. and they know it), and because I "can't stand them" anymore.

I have no privacy! My mail is opened "mistakenly" and my calls are listened in on even when I politely and sometimes angrily—ask them not to. They have even imposed a rule that I must show them my bank balance weekly.

They have told me I will not leave the house without being married first. I would like to live on my own before I actually marry so I can experience what it's like. This is something I have always wanted to do. If I do move out, they say I'll "bring shame and embarrassment" to the family.

There seems to be a double standard going on here because my older brother has his girlfriend sleep over. How can I accommodate my parents without being disowned? FEELING HELPLESS IN ILLINOIS

DEAR FEELING HELPLESS: Your parents have chosen to ignore that you are an adult, self-supporting and entitled to make your own choices. They may be well-meaning, but they are extremely heavy-handed. Their hyper-vigilance—opening your mail, eavesdropping on your phone calls and insisting on checking your bank balance weekly-is over the top. They would like you to be "safely" married before you leave their protection.

Is their problem that they disapprove of your boyfriend? If you get a place of your own, do you plan on moving him in? If that's not the case, there is no reason why your living independently might shame or embarrass them.

Not knowing your parents, I can't judge whether their threat to disown you is serious or not. However, if it is, realize it's a form of blackmail, and you will have to decide which is more important-your freedom or their support.

DEAR ABBY: "Lights Out in Federal Way, Wash." (Aug. 13) asked if it was a "sign" that her deceased parents were watching over her when streetlights would go out as she drove under them on her way home.

I understand your desire to give encouragement to someone who has lost her loved ones, but don't you know that many streetlights are light-activated so that after headlights hit them in just the right way they will turn off? After you pass under them, it becomes dark enough again and they will turn back on within a few minutes.

While I'm sure that given the opportunity this girl's parents would watch over her, the streetlights she described have nothing to do with the paranormal but have a scientific and logical explanation.

SOMEONE'S WATCHING IN GUILFORD, MO.

DEAR WATCHING: While many readers shared similar experiences, the majority had a logical explanation as you did. However, I still feel that if what she's experiencing brings her comfort, the important thing is what she chooses to believe.

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Rep. Paul Ryan book scheduled for next summer

Ryan, the GOP's vice presidential candidate in 2012 and a rumored presidential contender for 2016, has a book deal.

The Wisconsin Republican has an agreement with Twelve for a book about the state of conservatism. Twelve, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the

Tycoon plans \$8 billion Chinese Hollywood

QINGDAO, China (AP)— One of China's richest businessmen plans to invest 50 billion yuan (\$8.2 billion) to build the country's version of Hollywood in the eastern city of Qingdao

Wang Jianlin said Sunday that his company, Dalian Wanda Group, will build a massive, state of the art film studio complex in a bid to dominate China's rapidly growing movie market.

The Qingdao Oriental Movie Metropolis will feature 20 studios, cinemas and a film museum. It's expected to be fully operational by 2017.

The company has signed a preliminary deal with "a number of global film and television giants and talent agencies" to shoot about 30 foreign films a year. It did not name the companies.

Dalian Wanda operates hotels and department stores and last year bought the AMC cinema chain for \$2.6 billion.

NEW YORK (AP)—Rep. Paul book is called "Where Do We Go From Here?" and is scheduled for publication in August.

> "Where Do We Go from Here?' will delve into the state of the conservative movement in America today, how it contrasts with liberal progressivism, and what needs to be done to save the American Idea," according to a statement from the publisher. "It will challenge conventional thinking, renew the conservative vision for 2014 and beyond, and show how it is essential for the well-being of our communities and the future of our nation.'

The 43-year-old Ryan has yet to declare his plans for 2016, but speculation increased after he announced Friday that he would visit New Hampshire next month to help a former House colleague, Frank Guinta, campaign for re-election.

A handful of prospective Republican presidential contenders— Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, among them—have already visited the New Hampshire, which traditionally hosts the nation's first presidential primary.

Books have become a virtual ritual for national candidates and Ryan's deal was negotiated by Robert Barnett, the Washington attorney whose clients include President Barack Obama and President George W. Bush. Ryan, who chairs the House Budget Committee, met with several publishers. Because of rules governing the House, he was not permitted to accept an advance, only royalties from sales.

Ryan's previous book, "Young Guns: A New Generation of Conservative Leaders," was a collaboration with fellow House Republicans Eric Cantor of Virginia and Kevin McCarthy of California. It came out in 2010.

WikiLeaks leaks 'Fifth Estate' screenplay

has posted the script to "The Fifth Estate" and made its most forceful denunciation of the film colorful founder.

The whistleblower website posted a memo calling the movie "irresponsible, counterproductive and harmful." The DreamWorks film, which Disney will release Oct. 18, chronicles the birth of WikiLeaks with Benedict Cumberbatch playing site founder Julian Assange.

Assange has previously called "The Fifth Estate" "a massive propaganda attack." In a lengthy, point-by-point posting, WikiLeaks refuted the film's depiction of WikiLeaks, disputing everything from its suggestion that documents the site released put confidential sources in danger, to the idea that Assange dyes his hair.

"Most of the events depicted never happened, or the people shown were not involved in

NEW YORK (AP)—WikiLeaks them," reads the posting. "It has real names, real places, and looks like it is covering real events, but it is still a dramatic and cinematic about the site's creation and its work, and it invents or shapes the facts to fit its narrative goals."

> The WikiLeaks memo stated that it was judging the film from "a mature" script from late in production, not the finished film.

> The screenplay by Josh Singer was partly based on "Inside WikiLeaks: My Time With Julian Assange and the World's Most Dangerous Website," by Daniel Domscheit-Berg, an early WikiLeaks collaborator who publicly and bitterly fell out with Assange; and "WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's War on Secrecy," by British journalists David Leigh and Luke Harding. Assange has been critical of both.

> The filmmakers and Cumberbatch reached out to Assange in the making of the film, but were

The film, which premiered earlier this month at the Toronto International Film Festival, portrays Assange as a visionary with democratic ideals for information and altruistic motives for whistleblowers, but also as a lying, reckless revolutionary who ultimately sabotages his own creation by his refusal to consider the lives of revealed sources in published documents.

Representatives with the film didn't immediately comment Sunday on WikiLeaks' criticisms.

In an earlier interview, director Bill Condon told The Associated Press that Assange "has the sense of (the film) being something very different than what it is."

"The idea was to present this incredibly complicated and, as we can see, relevant issue of the struggle in this age between privacy and transparency in all of its complication," said Condon. "And in a similar way, present him in all his complexity."

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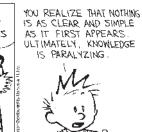
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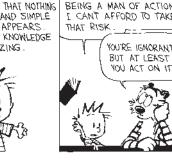
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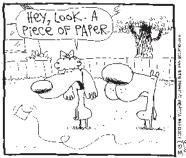






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ARIES (March 21-April 19): An unlikely partnership will bring about changes to the way you live. A change will do you good and must be incorporated quickly before the window of opportunity closes. Think fast, take action quickly and don't look back. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't race

through everything or you will fall short and face criticism. A job you are considering will not be as exciting as it sounds. Find out exactly what's being offered and get promises in writing. Don't argue; be nice. •••

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have some good suggestions, but don't cross the line or you will be blamed for meddling. Tables will turn quickly if your facts aren't right. Instead, put more into your home and improving your standard of living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your imagination and you will come up with interesting ways to socialize, make new acquaintances and find romantic settings that will enhance your life. A growing interest should not be ignored. Pursue what draws you with a passion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change your surroundings. Staying at home will result in conflict. Take time to think about a personal problem you face before you confront the situation. Time is on your side and will help alleviate making a wrong assumption.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Head out in search of a little adventure. You need a change of scenery or mental and physical stimulation that will perk your interest and motivate you to get involved with something exciting and satisfying. Work to straighten out any emotional mix-ups. 😂

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Taking an emotional trip down memory lane will help you clear up pending issues that have been standing between you and a decision you need to make. Truth will be the deciding factor when it comes to personal relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may want to make some noteworthy alterations at home, but consider the cost involved. Consider innovative ways to get what you want for less. Your ingenuity will be impressive and result in raising your profile and your confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A proactive approach will get the job done no matter what it is you are trying to accomplish, but expect to experience some opposition and emotional mind games along the way. Don't hesitate; make your voice heard and put your plans into motion.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. Someone with a hidden agenda will charm you. Don't count on anything or anyone It's important to take control of any situation you face that can influence your reputation or status. Change isn't the answer—consistency and fair play is. 🛇 😂

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more into your surroundings. What you do to feel more at home or comfortable will lift your spirits and help you put a greater distance between you and someone who has limited you in the past. 2000

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Check over paperwork that can make a difference in the way you do business or make investments. The choices you make regarding your health and financial well-being will bring about other opportunities to pursue something or someone that interests you. 🗪

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By Dave Green

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By DAVID Wonderword OUELLET

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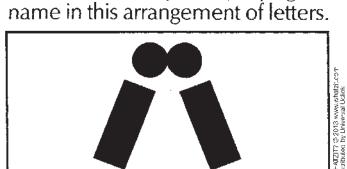
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Newton, defense lead Panthers past Giants, 38-0



CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Cam Newton threw three touchdown passes and ran for another, and Carolina

sacked Eli Manning seven times as the Panthers handed Tom Coughlin his worst defeat as coach of the New York Giants, 38-0 Sunday.

It was the largest margin of victory in Panthers history.

The Panthers (1-2) allowed Newton to run out of the read option, which helped open up an offense that had been mostly stagnant this season. Newton had 223 yards passing and threw two touchdown passes to Brandon LaFell and one to Ted Ginn Jr. He ran for 45 yards and his first TD of the season.

The Giants are in trouble: Of the 161 teams that have started the season 0-3 since 1978, only five made the NFL playoffs, according to STATS LLC.

The Giants came in with only 73 yards rushing in their first two games and managed just 60 yards on the ground. Manning, under pressure all day long, finished 12 of 23 for 119 yards with two interceptions.

Colts 27, 49ers 7

In San Francisco, Andrew Luck threw for 164 yards and ran for a 6-yard touchdown while facing college coach Jim Harbaugh for the first time as Indianapolis defeated San Francisco.

Trent Richardson scored a 1-yard touchdown on his first carry in his Colts debut after being acquired on Wednesday from the Browns. He was drafted two spots behind Luck at No. 3 last year.

Ahmad Bradshaw added a 1-yard TD run in the final minutes, and Adam Vinatieri kicked a pair of field goals before missing a 51-yarder early in the fourth.

But Luck came through again to give Indianapolis (2-1) more opportunities.

It was Colin Kaepernick's his first home loss at Candlestick Park as a starter.

Frank Gore ran for 82 yards after going for 60 total in his first two games, but there were few bright spots for Kaepernick as San Francisco (1-2) struggled to establish a passing game with tight end Vernon Davis sidelined by a hamstring injury.

Bears 40, Steelers 23

In Pittsburgh, Chicago's defense forced five turnovers and scored twice, and the Bears beat Pittsburgh to remain unbeaten.

Major Wright returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, and Julius Peppers picked up Ben Roethlisberger's fumble and raced 42 yards for a score in the fourth quarter as the Bears (3-0) held off a late rally.

Roethlisberger completed 26 of 41 passes for 406 yards, and threw two touchdowns to Antonio Brown, but the Steelers fell to 0-3 for the first time since 2000 thanks to an avalanche of mistakes.

Jay Cutler passed for 159 yards and threw a 17-yard touchdown strike to Earl Bennett with just under 6 minutes remaining to give the Bears breathing room after the Steelers trimmed a 21-point deficit to four.

Patriots 23, Buccaneers 3

In Foxborough, Massachusetts, Tom Brady threw two touchdown passes to Kenbrell Thompkins to lead New England to a one-sided win over Tampa Bay.



Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton (1) celebrates his touchdown run against the New York Giants during the second half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013.

Thompkins, an undrafted free agent, scored on plays of 16 and 5 yards in the first half. Aaron Dobson, a second-round draft pick, finished with seven catches for 52 yards. In their first two games, the rookies combined for just nine receptions.

The Patriots led 17-3 at halftime as the Buccaneers (0-3) wasted several opportunities.

They turned the ball over twice on downs, Rian Lindell missed a 38-yard field goal attempt before making a 30-yarder, and Josh Freeman threw an interception to former Bucs cornerback Aqib Talib with 11 seconds left in the first half.

The Patriots (3-0) have allowed just 34 points this season.

Freeman, who entered the game with a completion rate of 45.3 percent, the worst in the NFL, completed only 19 of 41 passes for 236 yards. The Patriots held Doug Martin, who rushed for 144 yards a week earlier, to 88 yards on 20 carries.

Bengals 34, Packers 30

In Cincinnati, Terence Newman returned a fumble 58 yards for a touchdown with 3:47 left, rallying Cincinnati past Green Bay in a game of wild momentum swings set up by nonstop turnovers.

Each team gave it away four times. Each team returned a fumble for a touchdown — M.D. Jennings ran one back for Green Bay (1-2). The Bengals blew a 14-point lead, and the Packers let a 16-point lead get away in the second half.

The Bengals (2-1) finished it off when Michael Johnson batted down Aaron Rodgers' fourth-down pass at the Cincinnati 20-yard line with 1:21 left, ending a subpar showing for the quarterback.

The Bengals defense made the difference as Rodgers was 26 of 43 for 244 yards with a touchdown, but was sacked four times and threw two interceptions

Cincinnati's Andy Dalton was 20 of 28 for 235 yards with two touchdowns, an interception and a fumble that Jennings returned 24 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, sparking Green Bay's comeback.

Dalton threw touchdown passes of 20 yards to A.J. Green and 11 yards to Marvin Jones, cutting the deficit to 30-28.

Saints 31, Cardinals 7

In New Orleans, Drew Brees passed for three scores and scrambled for New Orleans' first touchdown rushing of the season in a victory over Arizona.

The Saints quarterback was 29 of 46 for 342 yards, with two TD strikes to tight end Jimmy Graham and the other to Robert Meachem.

Brees was intercepted once by New Orleans native and former LSU star Tyrann Mathieu. That play ended a scoring threat, but only delayed the inevitable on a day when Arizona's short-handed defense was little match for the prolific passing attack of the Saints (3-0).

Arizona (1-2) had no answer for the 6-foot-7 Graham, who caught nine passes for 134 yards.

Meanwhile, the Saints' rejuvenated defense produced four sacks and two interceptions of Carson Palmer.

The Saints hadn't opened a season with three straight victories since 2009, when they went on to win the franchise's only Super Bowl.

Cowboys 31, Rams 7

In Arlington, Texas, DeMarco Murray ran for 175 yards and a touch-

down two years after torching St. Louis with a franchise record as a rookie, and Tony Romo threw for three scores in Dallas' rout.

Murray had his first 100-yard game in more than a year.

The Cowboys (2-1) sacked Sam Bradford four times in the first half and had six overall after St. Louis (1-2) hadn't allowed a sack in four games, dating to last season. It was the Rams' longest streak since John Hadl was under center for a division champion in 1973.

Bradford went 29 for 48 and wasn't intercepted.

DeMarcus Ware had two sacks and broke Harvey Martin's 30-year-old franchise record of 114.

The Rams had just 18 total yards in the first half compared to 96 for Murray. The Cowboys had 202 yards before halftime.

Romo, who had 217 yards passing, went 2 yards to Dez Bryant for the first Dallas score. He had a pair of 24-yarders in the second half to rookie tight end Gavin Escobar and Dwayne Harris.

St. Louis avoided the shutout on Bradford's 4-yard pass to Austin Pettis on fourth down late in the third quarter.

Ravens 30, Texans 9

In Baltimore, Daryl Smith had a 37-yard interception return for a TD, Tandon Doss took a punt 82 yards for another score, and Baltimore smothered Houston's high-powered offense.

The Ravens (2-1) won despite playing without Ray Rice for the first time since 2008. The three-time Pro Bowl running back was replaced by Bernard Pierce, who ran for 65 yards and a touchdown.

Houston (2-1) led 6-3 before Smith picked off Matt Schaub's pass and took it into the end zone with 2:39 left in the first half. Less than two minutes later, Doss had his first punt return for a touchdown.

The Ravens haven't allowed a touchdown in eight quarters since their season-opening 49-27 defeat in Denver.

Lions 27, Redskins 20

In Landover, Maryland, Matthew Stafford completed 25 of 42 passes for 385 yards with two touchdowns and one interception, and Calvin Johnson and Nate Burleson both had 100 yards receiving for Detroit, which beat Washington on the road for the first time.

The Lions (2-1) ended a 21-game streak against the Redskins, the second-longest in NFL history. Detroit's last win away from home in the series came in 1935 against the Boston Redskins, two years before the move to Washington.

Robert Griffin III and the defending NFC East champion Redskins fell to 0-3.

Titans 20, Chargers 17

In Nashville, Tenn., Jake Locker helped Tennessee end a skid against the San Diego that spanned two states and two decades.

Locker threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to rookie Justin Hunter with 15 seconds left and the Titans rallied to beat the Chargers.

It was their first win over the Chargers for the franchise since 1992 when the team was in Houston and Titans coach Mike Munchak still was playing for the then-Oilers.

The Titans (2-1) had lost nine straight to San Diego.

Locker ended the slide by complet-

ing seven passes to six receivers for 94 yards on the game-winning drive. He finished with 299 yards passing and ran for 68 yards.

Browns 31, Vikings 27

In Minneapolis, Jordan Cameron caught three touchdown passes, including the go-ahead grab in the back of the end zone with 51 seconds left, and Cleveland kept Minnesota winless.

Third-stringer Brian Hoyer threw for three scores for the Browns (1-2), the latest team to torch Minnesota's depleted secondary. He overcame three interceptions to throw for 321 yards, going 30 for 54. Josh Gordon had 10 catches for 146 yards and a touchdown in his season debut, and Cameron had six receptions for 66 yards.

Christian Ponder ran for two touch-downs for the Vikings (0-3), but he threw an interception, lost a fumble and took his sixth sack on the final play of the game.

Seahawks 45, Jaguars 17

In Seattle, Russell Wilson matched his career high with four touchdown passes — two each to Sidney Rice and Zach Miller — and Seattle overwhelmed Jacksonville.

The Seahawks improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2006, beginning a stretch of four straight games against the AFC South. Seattle came in as a 19-point favorite and never gave Jacksonville (0-3) a chance.

Seattle jumped ahead 17-0 early in the second quarter. Wilson connected with Miller twice in the first 16 minutes on TDs of 1 and 4 yards. He hit Rice for an 11-yard TD late in the first half and found him again on a 23-yarder early in the third quarter.

Wilson checked out with 3:54 left in the third and finished 14 of 21 for 202 yards. The four TD passes matched his performance last December in a win over San Francisco.

Dolphins 27, Falcons 23

In Miami Gardens, Fla., Ryan Tannehill lobbed a 1-yard touchdown pass to rookie Dion Sims with 38 seconds left, and unbeaten Miami rallied past Atlanta.

The score capped a 13-play, 75-yard drive after Atlanta's Matt Bryant missed a 35-yard field goal attempt with 4:46 left. Jimmy Wilson intercepted Matt Ryan to seal the victory.

Miami fell behind 10-0 and 20-10 and trailed much of the game, but none-theless improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2002. The injury-plagued Falcons, who were one play from the Super Bowl last season, fell to 1-2.

Tannehill finished 24 for 35 for 236 yards and two scores. He shook off two turnovers and five sacks, and was at his best at the end of each half.

Jets 27, Bills 20

In East Rutherford, N.J., Geno Smith threw two touchdown passes, including a go-ahead 69-yarder to Santonio Holmes in the fourth quarter, and the New York Jets overcame a team-record 20 penalties to hang on and beat Buffalo in an ugly game.

Smith slightly outplayed EJ Manuel in a matchup of the first two quarter-backs selected in the NFL draft in April. But this one was tough to watch at times with the barrage of penalties. The Jets (2-1) rolled up 168 yards in penalty yardage, and nearly gave it away against the Bills (1-2).

Athletics beat Twins 11-7, capture AL West again



OAKLAND, Calif. Indians 9, Astros 2 (AP)—Wearing gold robe and swim

goggles, bearded right fielder Josh Reddick ran around the Oakland Athletics clubhouse guzzling beer as bubbly sprayed in every direction.

A.J. Griffin grabbed anybody he could to dance with in the middle of the room. Manager Bob Melvin stood in the hallway and stayed dry for a while, just smiling and soaking up the scene.

His T-shirt said it all: "We Own The

Coco Crisp hit a three-run homer, Daric Barton and Jed Lowrie each had a solo shot and the A's wrapped up their second straight AL West title while overpowering the Minnesota Twins 11-7 Sunday.

"The only bad part about this is our clubhouse is going to stink for about two weeks," Reddick said.

Oswaldo Arcia homered and drove in six runs for Minnesota. But the Twins were just the latest team the A's turned into a footnote during another scintillating September run.

The A's clinched their 16th division crown and 25th postseason appearance when Texas lost 4-0 at Kansas City during the game.

Sonny Gray (4-3) gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings for Oakland, calling it "one of the most nerveracking starts I've ever had." The A's scored six runs in the second inning and one in each of the next five to set the stage for their own celebration.

Evan Scribner struck out Josmil Pinto swinging for the final out. The A's sprinted out of the dugout, jumping around in their gold uniforms to turn the infield into a blur.

For the A's, it was a far-less dramatic scene than a year ago, when they won the AL West on the final day of the regular season by beating Texas to complete a series sweep.

"I think last year we surprised a lot of people," third baseman Josh Donaldson said. "I think this year we're an all-around better team and we feel like we belong."

This year's postseason push—sealed with a week to spare—was less surprising but equally remarkable.

The A's had the fourth-lowest opening day payroll at about \$65 million. They have a roster full of mostly anonymous and up-and-coming players. And their home is an old, dual-sport stadium where sewage has leaked in the clubhouses and the dugouts in one sickening scene after another.

Rays 3, Orioles 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Enny Romero combined with five relievers on a three-hitter in his major league debut, two days watching Tampa Bay's 18-inning win at home in the Dominican Republic and tweeting he was ready to pitch the following afternoon.

The 22-year-old left-hander allowed one hit and four walks in 4 2-3 shutout innings. Brandon Gomes (3-1) followed and struck out Manny Machado with a runner on second.

Tampa Bay remained a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the AL wild-card race, and Texas dropped 11/2 games behind the Indians for the second berth, with Kansas City trailing the Indians by 31/2, the Yankees by four and Baltimore by $4\frac{1}{2}$ entering the final week.

Scott Feldman (5-5) gave up three runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.

In Cleveland, Michael Brantley and Michael Bourn had two RBIs apiece as Cleveland became the first team since the 1961 Yankees to sweep six fourgame series in the same season.

Carlos Santana homered for the Indians and Corey Kluber (10-5) dodged trouble throughout 5 1-3 innings.

Houston lost its season-high ninth straight and fell to a major leagueworst 51-105. Erik Bedard (4-12) lost for the ninth time in 10 decisions.

Royals 4, Rangers O

In Kansas City, Missouri, Justin Maxwell ended Kansas City's home season with a two-out grand slam in the 10th off former Royals All-Star closer Joakim Soria.

Eric Hosmer hit a two-strike double leading off the 10th against Neal Cotts (5-3). Soria intentionally walked Billy Butler, and an infield single by Salvador Perez loaded the bases.

Tim Collins (3-6) pitched a perfect

Giants 2, Yankees 1

In New York, after honoring Mariano Rivera in a pregame ceremony and celebrating Andy Pettitte's last regularseason home start, the Yankees saw their AL wild-card hopes dim.

But Ehire Adrianza tied the score in the sixth with his first career home run. Leaving to standing ovations and a curtain call after Pedro Sandoval's leadoff double in the eighth, Pettitte (10-11) watched Tony Abreu hit a go-ahead double off David Robertson.

New York is danger of missing the playoffs for just the second time in 19 years. Javier Lopez (4-2) relieved Yusmeiro Petit with two on and one out in the seventh and struck out two, and Sergio Romo pitched a hitless ninth for his 36th save.

White Sox 6, Tigers 3

In Detroit, The Tigers fell short in their effort to clinch the AL Central during their final homestand, as their magic number for the division title remained

Erik Johnson (2-2) allowed two runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings in his fourth career start, and the White Sox held on a day after blowing a six-run, ninth-inning lead in a 7-6 loss in 12.

Anibal Sanchez (14-8) yielded four runs and eight hits in five innings, his first defeat since July 19.

Prince Fielder homered for the Tigers. Detroit was without slugger Miguel Cabrera, who has been bothered by groin soreness.

Mariners 3, Angels 2

In Anaheim, California, Justin Smoak hit a tiebreaking two-run homer and Felix Hernandez had 10 strikeouts in a four-inning start — a game delayed twice by bees.

Both teams retreated to their dugouts during a 23-minute delay in the third inning when a swarm of bees invaded the outfield at the Big A, hovering over right-centerfield near the wall. Bees briefly delayed the game again in the fourth inning before they dispersed.

C.J. Wilson (17-7) pitched eight-hit ball into the ninth inning but lost for the first time since July 5 against Boston, ending a streak that saw him go 9-0 over 13 starts. Oliver Perez (3-3) struck out the side in the fifth after relieving Hernandez.



Oakland Athletics' Jemile Weeks, left, picks up teammate Coco Crisp after defeating the Minnesota Twins in a baseball game to become American League West champions, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013, in Oakland, Calif.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 2

In Boston, David Ortiz and Jackie Bradley Jr. homered and Felix Doubront (11-6) gave up two runs and four hits over seven innings in his last start before moving to the bullpen for the

R.A. Dickey (13-13) pitched a sixhitter with a season-high 11 strikeouts in his third complete game this year.

Braves 5, Cubs 2

In Chicago, the Atlanta Braves clinched their first NL East title since 2005, then rode two homers by Andrelton Simmons to a victory over the Chicago Cubs that touched off a wild party in the cramped visitors' clubhouse at Wrigley Field.

The game was in the sixth when Washington lost 4-2 to Miami in a doubleheader opener, giving the Braves the division championship. There were a few high-fives in Atlanta's dugout when the Marlins won, and a couple of Braves fans did the tomahawk chop in

Simmons hit a solo drive in the fourth and a two-run shot in the eighth, giving him 17 homers on the year.

Julio Teheran (13-8) struck out seven over six innings of one-run ball. Edwin Jackson (8-17), who leads the major leagues in losses, allowed three runs and eight hits in six-plus innings.

Brewers 6, Cardinals 4

In Milwaukee, Norichika Aoki scored three times and doubled home a run

as Milwaukee beat sloppy St. Louis hours after the Cardinals clinched a playoff berth.

Wily Peralta (11-15) gave up five hits and walked five in five-plus innings for the Brewers. The Cardinals put the goahead run at the plate with two outs in the ninth, but closer Jim Henderson got slugger Matt Adams to strike out to end the game and earn his 26th save.

St. Louis learned earlier it was assured of at least an NL wild card after Washington lost its doubleheader opener against Miami.

However, the Cardinals weren't sharp on the field. Starter Joe Kelly (9-5) had one of two errors in the Brewers' two-run second.

Reds 11, Pirates 3

In Pittsburgh, Rookie Billy Hamilton got three hits and stole two more bases as Cincinnati tied Pittsburgh for the NL wild-card lead at 89-67.

Jay Bruce hit a three-run double and Todd Frazier followed with a homer that capped a five-run burst in the first against Jeff Locke (10-7).

Bronson Arroyo (14-11) allowed three runs and five hits in five innings to win for the first time since Aug. 24.

Marlins 4, Nationals 2, 1st game Nationals 5, Marlins 4, 2nd game

In Washington, Giancarlo Stanton and Christian Yelich homered for the Marlins in a doubleheader opener after the Nationals honored retiring manager Davey Johnson with a 15-minute pregame celebration.

Tom Koehler (4-10) allowed two runs and three hits in six innings, and Steve Cishek pitched a perfect ninth to tie a team record by converting his 27th consecutive save chance.

Dan Haren (9-14) lost to Miami for the third time this year, giving up three runs and eight hits in six innings.

Wilson Ramos' ninth-inning grounder bounced off a leg of third baseman Chris Coghlan for a game-ending error that allowed pinch-runner Eury Perez to score from third for Washington. The Nationals earned a split in the doubleheader that left them five games back in the NL wild-card race with six games left.

Rafael Soriano (3-3) pitched a scoreless ninth inning to win Washington's regular-season home finale, and Denard Span drove in three runs.

Jayson Werth off Sam Dyson (0-2) leading off the ninth, and Perez pinch ran and stole third with one out.

Coming back from right forearm tightness, Stephen Strasburg allowed three runs and six hits in six innings and left with a 4-3 lead. Stanton hit a tying double off Tyler Clippard in the eighth.

Mets 4, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Wilfredo Tovar hit a two-run, seventh-inning single in his major league debut, putting the Mets ahead for good at 3-2.

LaTroy Hawkins earned his 100th career save and 12th this season by striking out Jimmy Rollins to end it. Trying to stop a streak of four straight fourth-place finishes in the NL East, the Mets completed a three-game sweep and tied the Phillies for third.

Carlos Torres (4-5) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings to beat Cliff Lee (14-7), who gave up three runs — two earned — and eight hits in seven innings.

Before the game, the Phillies said they were removing the interim tag on manager Ryne Sandberg.

Dodgers 1, Padres 0

In San Diego, Adrian Gonzalez scored an unearned run and Zack Greinke combined with three relievers on a two-hitter for the NL West champions.

Andrew Cashner (10-9) had a twohitter into the seventh when Gonzalez singled with one out, Matt Kemp struck out and Michael Young doubled off the right-field wall. Will Venable bobbled the ball, and Gonzalez came home after initially being held by third base coach Tim Wallach.

J.P. Howell (4-1) pitched a perfect sixth, and Kenley Jensen struck out the side in the ninth for his 27th save. Los Angeles leads the major leagues with 21 shutouts.

Diamondbacks 13, Rockies 9

In Denver, Matt Davidson hit a threerun homer for the second straight day as Arizona hung on after opening leads of 7-1 in the third and 13-5 in the ninth.

Colorado's Michael Cuddyer was 3 for 5, raising his league-leading average to .334. Todd Helton, who is retiring at the end of the season, had four RBIs to raise his total to 1,402. Each team had 19 hits.

Will Harris (4-1) got the final two outs of the fifth. Juan Nicasio (8-9) gave up seven runs, seven hits and two walks in 2 1-3 innings.

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And the second time was sweeter—and richer—than ever.

Not even among the top 200 players in the world two years ago, Stenson capped off the best three months of his career with a command performance Sunday in the Tour Championship. With a birdie to thwart a late charge by Jordan Spieth, followed by three pars from the sand, the 37-year-old Swede closed with a 2-under 68 on Sunday for a three-shot victory to capture the FedEx Cup.

He walked away with \$11.44 million—\$10 million for the FedEx Cup (\$9 million of that in cash) and \$1.44 million for winning the Tour Championship.

"It shows that I never give up," Stenson said, who also moves to No. 4 in the world. "This is way beyond what I could have imagined."

Even with a four-shot lead, the final round was a battle. There were two trophies on display on the first tee. He knew he could still win the FedEx Cup even if he didn't win the Tour Championship. Ultimately, he figured good golf would take care of everything, and it did.

Stenson became the first player to win the Tour Championship wire-to-wire with no ties since Tom Watson in 1987, the first year of this 30-man showcase.

Spieth made him work for it.

The 20-year-old Texan left one last impression on his remarkable rookie season

ATLAN- by running off four straight birdies on TA (AP)— the back nine at East Lake to pull within one shot after Stenson went well over the Stenson on 14th green and made his long bogey.

Stenson could hear the cheers and knew what he faced over the last four holes.

"I'm not just a pretty face. I can put 1-and-1 together," the Swede said with his dry humor.

He drilled a 3-wood into the fairway on the par-5 15th that set up an 8-foot birdie. Ahead of him on the 17th, Spieth was between clubs and chose to hammer a 9-iron that he caught heavy enough that it plugged in the front bunker. He made bogey and had to settle for a 64.

"I was just looking up and seeing that I needed more instead of being satisfied with what happened," Spieth said of his four straight birdies.

Spieth wound up No. 7 in the FedEx Cup, the highest ever for a rookie. He began the year with no status on any tour and finished at No. 10 on the PGA Tour money list, and No. 21 in the world.

The last challenge came from Steve Stricker, who rolled in an eagle putt on the 15th hole to get within two. Stricker saved par behind the 16th green, and then missed two birdie chances from about 18 feet on the last two holes for a 65. He tied for second with Spieth.

Stricker didn't realize that making any of those last two putts would have been worth an extra \$1 million for finishing second in the FedEx Cup. He only cared about winning, knowing he needed birdies and for Stenson to make a mistake.

"I knew the putt meant a lot. I didn't know it meant that much," he said with a smile. He finished third in the FedEx Cup and received a \$2 million bonus.

Stenson, who finished at 13-under 267, became the first European to win the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup.

His amazing summer began with a tie for third in the Scottish Open. Stenson followed with a runner-up at the British Open and the World Golf Championship at Firestone, third place at the PGA Championship and a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

"Obviously, the work was done before," Stenson said. "It's not like I woke up in the middle of July and played fantastic."

The Tour Championship was his second win in three tournaments of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"Since the Scottish Open, it's been just an incredible run," he said. "I'm speechless. It was a tough day out there. To hang in there the way I did, I'm really satisfied. ... It hasn't quite sunk in yet. I had to fight hard mentally to keep all this aside, and I managed to do that. It's going to feel better as the week goes on. I'm pretty sure about that."

Tiger Woods, the No. 1 seed going into the Tour Championship, never recovered from his 73-71 start. He closed with a 67 to tie for 22nd, his worst finish ever at East Lake, and wound up second in the FedEx Cup. That still was worth a \$3 million bonus.

Woods wrapped up the PGA of America's points-based award for player of the year, and he captured the PGA Tour money title and the Vardon Trophy for the lowest adjusted scoring title. Next up is a vote of the players for PGA Tour player of the year. He is the heavy favorite with five wins this year.

The award is to be announced on Friday.



Henrik Stenson, of Sweden, celebrates with the trophy after winning the FedEx Cup along with the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club, in Atlanta, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013.

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bility at the Oleai facilities on Oct. 1. A \$193,228 budget for NMASA had been approved last week and the association is entitled to get four employees. NMASA can absorb the current staff at the soon-to-be-defunct Division of Sports and Recreation, but during the association's meeting, White announced that these employees are not interested in working with NMASA, so Rogolifoi is tasked to look for his staff.

Besides addressing personnel issues, NMASA is looking into ways to keep the orderliness and cleanliness of the complex. White said that during their previous meetings, NMASA board members are considering entering into a contract with a private company for maintenance and cleaning jobs at the various facilities.

"There are lots of cleaning up to do and we have to start as soon as possible as more organizations and more people will be using the facilities in the last

quarter of the year," White said at the NMASA meeting.

NMASA is also open to hosting off-island teams planning to train on Saipan, while White advised groups that are going to use the facilities to coordinate with Rogolifoi for the usage guidelines.

Meanwhile, White again called on the lawmakers to act on House Bill 18-111, which is introduced by Rep. Antonio Sablan (IR-Saipan) and would give NMASA independence from DCCA and necessary tools to perform its duties.

"Our biggest concern is that the Legislature has yet to act on H.B. 18-111. This is very important to us, for a variety of reasons," White said.

H.B. 18-111 or the "Northern Marianas Sports Act of 2013" would repeal Executive Order 94-3 that placed NMASA under the wing of DCCA through DSR. The bill would also make NMASA a private non-profit corporation that is allowed to raise funds (through lotteries and facilities usage fees) and receive donations.

8 open, 6 masters teams in UFO caging



All is set for the 2013 United Filipino Organization Basketball League as a total of 14 teams will

see action in the annual cage-fest set to start on Sept. 29 at the TSL Sports Complex's Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gual Rai.

Coordinator Abner Venus, of the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, said the eight teams that will suit up in the open division are Mobil, Proa, Toka Degree, Ladder Beach Docomo, Kanoa Resort, KB Market, Hi-Five, and Hoopaholics.

Signing up for the 40-and-over masters, meanwhile, are defend-

ing champion Armatech, Masters Degree, Blue Haus, Pacific Islands Club, Brabu Pharmacy Laguna, and Mafea Shakir Realty.

The 2013 edition of the UFO caging will not have games in the 20-and-under and 15-and-under divisions after no one showed interest in entering the competition.

Venus also reminded the 14 teams playing this season to submit pertinent documents before the Sept. 25 deadline. The documents include team roster, players' registration, BANMI and UFO waiver forms, and signed players/ coaches code of conduct.

"There will be no documents, no play

rule this season. So I'm requesting all players and teams to submit the documents on or before Wednesday," he said.

Before the actual games start, the opening ceremony will promptly begin at 1pm on that day. Playing dates for the league will be Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, if necessary. First game is at 6:30pm and second game is at 8pm.

For more information on the UFO caging, call league coordinator Bok Enano at 287-9756, league commissioner Ed Manalili at 483-4337, or Venus at 785-6122, 664-2508, or email bulik29@yahoo.com. (Saipan Tribune)

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who missed the semis game, muscled his way for 14 against the Sonics frontliners, while Kobee Mendoza and Mike San Nicolas combined for 17.

Jaymark De Guzman led the Sonics with his 25 points, while Jack Aranda contributed 20. The backcourt duo made it to the board early to give the Sonics a shaky 17-16 lead. The Sonics once led by 10, 17-7, but the S.J. Ol'Aces had a 9-0 windup in the last three minutes, with Mizer scoring 5 points in the rally, to stay in contention.

Mizer, who had one trey in the first canto, connected on one more and scored 7 markers in the second canto, while Mendoza and San Nicolas chipped in 6 apiece to keep the S.J. Ol'Aces afloat at halftime, 37-38. The Sonics maintained the slim lead with De Guzman tallying

the team's last 9 points.

However, the Sonics lost the upper hand in the third, as De Guzman, saddled by foul trouble, was held to two field goals. Eric Dela Rosa was also hampered by fouls, allowing Babauta to dominate the paint in the third and score 9 points.

Mizer was limited to two free throws in the third quarter due to cramping, but came out strong in the payoff period to foil the Sonics' repeated comeback bids. The Sonics failed to bounce back, as De Guzman struggled anew in the fourth canto, hitting only one field goal and two free throws, which all came when the S.J. Ol'Aces had already secured the title win. He and Aranda tried desperately to bring the Sonics back on top, but they could not make baskets in streaks and missed the support of their big men. Jimmy Tudela was held to 4 points, Bryle Alegre had 12, but

his baskets were scattered, while Dela Rosa notched only 8 points before fouling out late in the fourth.

The loss to the S.J. Ol'Aces was the Sonics' second, as the former also handed the latter their lone defeat in the regular season. The Ol'Aces, on the other hand, had a perfect season, sweeping the seven games in the round-robin elimination and gaining two victories in the playoffs. The newly crowned champion had a mix of Saipan and Tinian players on its roster and was coached by Keith Nabors and Preston Basa.

S.J. Ol'Aces 86 – Mizer 26, Babauta 16, Maui 14, Mendoza 9, San Nicolas 8, De Leon 4, Olopai 3.

Sonics 74 – De Guzman 25, Aranda 20, Alegre 12, Dela Rosa 8, Tudela 4, Feria 4

Scoring by quarters: 16-17, 37-38, 58-55, 86-74.

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the second match last weekend.

With the two Division 1 games rescheduled, it will be the sophomore team Sun Palace and newcomer Thundercats to start the hostilities in the M-League. Game time is at 6:30pm. Sun Palace debuted in the spring season of the M-League and finished the inaugural season with a second-best record of 5-1-2 (win-draw-loss).

Joining Sun Palace and the Thundercats in Division 2 are Shirley's FC and the Women's National Team, which will play their first game of the season this Thursday, also at 6:30pm at the Oleai pitch.

Kanoa FC, which won last season's Division 2 with its 6-0-2 record, moved up to Division 1 and will debut against MP United this Sunday at 6pm.

Defending fall season champion Tan Holdings FC will compete in the first game this Sunday at 12pm against Inter Godfather's, while Wild Bill's will take on Paire FC in the second match at 2pm. In the third game at 4pm, it will be KFAS versus returning Division 1 team Matansa.

Each team in both divisions will play 10 games in the fall season and the squads with the most points after the fall and spring seasons will be declared M-League champions (Division 1 and 2). The Division 2 champion will then move up to Division 1, while the last finisher of Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2.

Meanwhile, midway through the season, all 12 teams will participate in the M-League Cup set for Nov. 10. The six games in the M-League Cup will determine the seeding for the M-League Cup Tournament that will be played in spring.

Rotary U15 Final Four

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DYS' Kevin De Leon drives against two Ol'Aces defenders during their semis game in the U15 division of the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



DYS' Antonio Santos is fouled while attempting a put-back.



DYS' Kobee Mendoza pulls up for a jumper.



An Ol'Aces player loses the ball on his way for a layup.



The Ol'Aces' Dustin Sablan, right, blocks DYS' Gerald Flores.



The Rebelholics' Isaiah Retan hangs on to the ball after a rebound play.



The Ol'Aces' K.J. Nabors goes up for a bank shot.



KFC/Taco Bell's Jethro Cruz loses the ball on his way to the basket against two Rebelholics defenders.



KFC/Taco Bell's Michael Espinosa drives against a Rebelholics defender.



DYS' D.J. Ong is pushed and fouled by an Ol'Aces defender



Newton, defense **lead Panthers** past Giants, 38-0

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S.J. Ol'Aces dethrones Sonics

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he S.J. Ol'Aces foiled the Sonics' bid for a three-peat after recording an 86-74 victory in their U19 title game in the 22nd Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

his six triples in the fourth quarter to spell the difference in the winnertake-all finals that was neck-and-neck

Christian Mizer unloaded four of in the first three quarters. The third period ended with the S.J. Ol'Aces hanging to a 58-55 lead before Mizer started the fourth with a triple and

then dropped backto-back trevs midway in that period to keep his team on top. The Ol'Aces went

on to seal the win from the foul line, as it sank four free throws.

Mizer finished with a game-high 26 points and drew a lot of support from his teammates. Marc Babauta, who had 11 points in their semis win over the Rollers, played better in the finals, scoring 16 points. Malcom Maui,

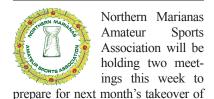
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The Oleai track oval, seen here hosting students for a tournament qualifier early this year, is one of the facilities that will be operated and maintained by Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association starting next month.

NMASA prepares for takeover

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Northern Marianas Amateur **Sports** Association will be holding two meetings this week to

the Oleai Sports Complex. NMASA will meet with Depart-

ment of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Laurie Ogumoro to-

morrow afternoon to discuss the turnover of duties for the maintenance and operation of the Oleai facilities. Then in the evening, NMASA will sit down with its acting executive director Tony Rogolifoi to ask for development about personnel hiring.

"Tony Rogolifoi has been given the responsibility of hiring staff for the facility. The NMASA board is meeting on Wednesday evening, and we expect to receive a report from Tony

dent Michael White said in an email to Saipan Tribune.

'We have previously met with DCCA Secretary Ogumoro, and are going to meet with her again on Wednesday afternoon, to assure a smooth transition. Beyond these, there are a lot of little things that have to get done, and we are confident that all of them will be done in due time," White added.

NMASA will assume responsi-





M-League tries to open fall season, again

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M-League will try anew to start the 2013-2014 fall season tomorrow when Sun Palace plays the Thun-

dercats in the Division 2 game at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

M-League was scheduled to kick off the season last Sunday, but the two matches were called off due to the inclement weather. Spring season Division 1 champion Wild Bill's was set to meet former Division 2 champion MP United in the opener, while Inter Godfather's was slated to collide against Korean Football Association on Saipan in

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Tan Holdings FC goalie Johann Noetzel goes for a catch after a header from a Korean Football Association on Saipan player during a game in the spring season of the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. ROSELYN B. MONROYO